

DTI accused over Barlow Clowes affair

Ombudsman speaks of 'maladministration'

By Richard Ford, Political Correspondent

The Ombudsman yesterday described the Government's involvement in the Barlow Clowes financial scandal as an "apparent case of maladministration".

Sir Anthony Barrowclough, the Ombudsman, said there was little doubt that personal injustice had been suffered by a large number of members of the public who had invested money in the companies.

he was disappointed that Sir Anthony felt unable to hold his own investigation, particularly as it had been reported that the Inland Revenue had had information that could have prevented people from losing their savings.

Mr Morris said: "I believe this is a major public scandal that deserves an immediate and wide-ranging tribunal of inquiry, and that public confidence would be reassured with an inquiry by the Ombudsman. What we have

Government had ignored top-level warnings when it granted Barlow Clowes a licence to deal with the public in October 1985 (Lawrence Lever writes).

The warnings came from senior figures in the City, the City watchdog which had been tracking Barlow Clowes for several months.

Moreover, the DTI granted a licence to Barlow Clowes despite strong evidence that the company had been trading without a licence - for more than a year.

The British end of Barlow Clowes - which was licensed by the DTI - was closed down by the new City watchdog, the Securities and Investments Board.

The SIB said that it had found evidence of doctoring of clients' records, unauthorized removal of clients' money and seriously inaccurate returns being submitted by Barlow Clowes to the DTI.

Barlow Clowes investors who put their money in the Gibraltar arm are facing losses of more than £100 million.

Mr Bryan Gould, the shadow trade and industry spokesman, welcomed the comments from the Ombudsman saying he was surprised at how frank Sir Anthony had been about the Barlow Clowes.

He said: "I welcome very much Sir Anthony saying that there was an apparent case of maladministration for the Department of Trade to answer. It is significant that Sir Anthony has made these remarks as I would have thought that he would not have become involved as an internal inquiry is taking place."

A church has become the latest victim of the Barlow Clowes affair. Churchgoers who spent five years fundraising for a community centre have been told their parish could have lost £42,500 in the collapse.

The vicar, the Rev Bill Moxon, broke the news from the pulpit of St John the Evangelist in Altrincham, Cheshire, where a £75,000 building project has had to be halted. The congregation had raised around £15,000 towards the cost of the centre by jumble sales.

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at the moment is an internal inquiry and it is not good enough."

Sir Anthony said in a letter to Mr Morris that after statements in Parliament about the failed investment group, "it can be... reasonably inferred that there is an apparent case of maladministration for the Department of Trade and Industry to answer".

He adds: "There also seems little doubt that personal injustice has been suffered by a large number of members of the public who had invested money in the companies concerned."

Sir Anthony's letter is a response to a plea from Mr Morris for the Ombudsman to take up the case of a constituent, Mr Leslie Mullard. The ex-serviceman, who is in his mid-70s, may have lost his life savings of £65,000 when Barlow Clowes crashed.

But Sir Anthony said in his letter that while the DTI's internal inquiry, headed by Sir Godfrey Le Quesne, continues he would defer a decision on whether or not to launch his own investigation.

He gave a warning that if investors brought their own action through the courts, he would be unable to look into the case.

Sir Anthony said that his own inquiry could not be concluded within a matter of weeks as the depth and thoroughness inevitably took longer.

The announcement of an independent inquiry into Barlow Clowes followed disclosures in *The Times* that the

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US expels Managua diplomats

President Reagan yesterday expelled Senior Carlos Tuner, Nicaragua's ambassador in Washington, and seven Nicaraguan diplomats, giving them 72 hours to leave.

The action was in retaliation for Nicaragua's expulsion on Monday of Mr Richard Melton, the US ambassador in Managua, and seven US diplomats.

"I have told the State Department to send their ambassador and seven comrades back to Managua," President Reagan said.

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Talks continue on Rover deal

Negotiations on the takeover of Rover by British Aerospace continued last night to find a formula to put before the European Commission today.

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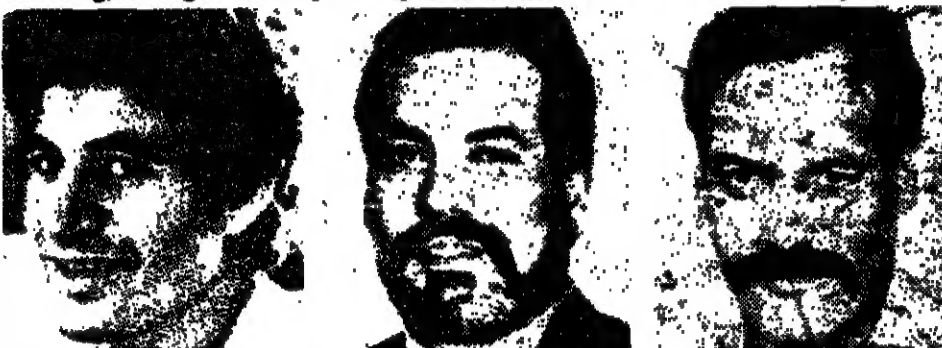
Police name four wanted for ship attack

Ferry massacre 'linked to plan for hijacking'

From Mario Modiano, Athens



Philippa Moore, aged 16 and Nicola Sheare, aged 15, from Our Lady of Zion Convent, Worthing, landing in London yesterday still shocked from their ordeal on the City of Poros



Greek police released these photographs of three men in connection with the attack. The man on the left was said to be Zoubi Mohammed, snatched by the ship's photographer.

The implications of the Greek ferry massacre widened last night when the authorities made a firm link between Monday's cruise ship attack and a car bomb explosion on the mainland a few hours earlier in which three people were killed.

Police believe that the original terrorist plan was to hijack the ferry, take it into port and then take on board more arms.

Pictures of four people involved in the ferry massacre, in which eight people died, were released yesterday.

Two of the men, Amut Abdel-Hamid, 36, and Mohamed Zozad, 21, both Lebanese passport holders, were identified from photographs taken earlier on Monday by the ship's photographer. They were believed to have boarded the vessel at its departure point at the Trocadero Marina east of Piraeus.

The other two, a man and a woman, were also photographed by the ship's photographer but they have not been officially identified.

Mr Anastasios Schiotis, the minister of public order, said Abdel-Hamid arrived in Greece on May 10 and Zozad had been in Greece since May 31.

He said Abdel-Hamid had rented the car that was wrecked by the double explosion on Monday afternoon, killing its three occupants. Both men disappeared from their Athens seaside hotel on Saturday.

The other man being sought was believed to have a Lebanese passport and the woman Moroccan documents. They had boarded the City of Poros

on Monday at Agina Island at 5pm, the last stop before the 6.45pm attack.

The identity of the car's occupants was still unknown last night but forensic experts who re-assembled the remains believe that there were three people. Police said they had found five shoes in the debris. The authorities revised the toll from nine to eight yesterday when it was discovered that one badly charred body had been counted as two.

It is thought that the four terrorists who boarded the City of Poros with light weap-

ons would have commandeered the ship and taken it back to Phaleron Bay for the heavy explosives stocked in the rented car to be placed aboard.

The intention would have been either to blow up the ship with its 471 passengers and 25 crew members in retaliation for the downing of the Iranian Airbus in the Gulf, or to hold it in ransom for the release of Mohamed Rashid, aged 45, a Palestinian detained at Athens airport on May 30 with a false Syrian passport.

The United States has filed an application for his extradition in connection with charges relating to an explosion aboard Pan Am F830 from Tokyo to Honolulu in August 1982 in which a Japanese schoolboy was killed and fifteen others were injured.

Rashid is also suspected of being involved with a bomb which tore a hole in a TWA airliner in 1986 as it came to

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Metal fatigue may have caused oil rig disaster

By David Sapsted and Ruth Gledhill

Metal fatigue may have caused the gas leak that led to the disastrous explosion on the Piper Alpha platform last week.

Mr David Martin, world president of Occidental, confirmed yesterday that metal fatigue would be considered as a possible cause during the official inquiry into the tragedy that killed 166 people.

Pipes leading to the gas compression chamber would be studied closely.

Mr John Donaldson, the company's former loss

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prevention manager, said corrosion and metal fatigue might have gone undetected on the 12-year-old platform.

An escape of gas from Piper Alpha's gas compression system is thought to have been the likely source of the leak. The unit raises gas pressure from about 400psi to 1,700psi to enable it to be pumped on shore. A leak in the complex

system of pipes would account for the "banshee scream" of gas escaping 30 seconds before the explosion, as described by survivors.

Mr Martin said last night: "The question of whether metal fatigue caused a leak will be looked at by the inquiry. It is, however, only one of a number of possible causes."

Mr Donaldson said metal fatigue and corrosion could have gone undetected because of the safety inspection timetable.

He said a certificate of

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Texas senator is Dukakis's choice

From Michael Bayton, Washington

Mr Michael Dukakis yesterday announced that he had chosen Senator Lloyd Bentsen of Texas to be his Democratic vice-presidential running mate. The powerful chairman of the Senate Finance Committee is a moderate conservative with almost 40 years experience in Congress.

Mr Bentsen, aged 67, was not widely considered to be on the short list, but he is seen as bringing vital southern support to the apparent Democratic nominee, Texas, with 29 electoral college votes, provides the third largest group of presidential voters.

Mr Bentsen, who has long championed oil interests, is also expected to help the Massachusetts governor in Louisiana and Oklahoma.

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where the economies are suffering from the fall in oil prices.

Mr Bentsen was selected over people who had figured more prominently in the search for a running mate. These included Senators John Glenn, Bob Graham and Al

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Nagorno-Karabakh defies Kremlin to declare UDI

Moscow (AP) - The legisla-

ture of Nagorno-Karabakh, the mostly Armenian mountain enclave wracked for months by strikes and demonstrations, last night defied central authorities and voted to secede from the republic of Azerbaijan and join Armenia, the first time in Soviet history such a decision has been taken.

The legislature voted with only one abstention to secede and rename the area the Artsakh Autonomous Region of Armenia, reporters for the local radio station said. But the move appears to have little legal standing.

Mr Roy Medvedev, a dissident historian, commented: "It is unconstitutional. It cannot be considered legal. Never before in Soviet history had a region's legislature voted to withdraw from its host republic."

While the Soviet Constitution gives citizens the right to self-determination, it also re-

quires a republic's consent for any proposed changes in its boundaries. Nagorno-Karabakh is an autonomous region of Azerbaijan, and on February 20 its legislature asked the Azerbaijani and Armenian governments to approve the transfer. Armenia's legislature agreed on June 15, but Azerbaijan's parliament rejected the request two days later.

Nagorno-Karabakh's legislature, apparently feeling the pressure of economically devastating strikes and street rallies, took the daring decision yesterday to announce unilaterally withdrawal from Azerbaijan.

"The Soviet of People's Deputies of the Nagorno-Karabakh Autonomous Region declares its secession from the Azerbaijan Soviet Socialist Republic," said the statement, read by telephone by reporters for the radio station in the region's main city, Stepanakert.

Armenians, predominantly

Christian, consider Nagorno-Karabakh to be part of their ancestral homeland and make up more than three-quarters of its population. But the region was incorporated into mostly Moslem Azerbaijan in 1923.

The dispute erupted in strikes and street demonstrations by Armenians in Nagorno-Karabakh and Armenia itself in February, and has sparked ethnic violence.

Tuesday's decision defies central authorities all the way up to the Soviet leader, Mr Gorbachev, and tests the Kremlin's tolerance of assertions of rights by the country's more than 100 national groups. Mr Gorbachev, under his policy of *glasnost*, or openness, has encouraged citizens to speak out.

He told a Communist Party conference on June 28 that the powers of the country's 15 union republics, the autonomous republics and other ethnic entities should be expanded.

Stay of execution for Sharpeville Six

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

South Africa's Minister of Justice, Mr Kobie Coetsee, announced last night that the execution of the five black men and one black woman, known as the Sharpeville Six, had been postponed indefinitely to allow their lawyers time to exhaust all legal possibilities of saving them from the gallows.

The six - sentenced to death for their part in the mob murder of a black township official four years ago - had been due to hang on July 19. They will now not need to apply for another stay of execution.

On June 13, the Supreme Court turned down an application to have the trial reopened to permit re-examination of a witness who now says he falsely implicated at least two of the six, under police pressure.

Lawyers for the six are awaiting a reply to a petition

to the Chief Justice for leave to appeal against the Supreme Court's decision. If that petition fails, which is thought likely, the six would still have a final right of appeal to President Botha, who has already once refused to exercise clemency.

Legal experts here say President Botha could also order the Supreme Court to reopen the case.

● LONDON: The latest stay of execution on the Sharpeville Six was welcomed in Downing Street last night, where Mrs Thatcher had earlier seen the sister of one of the six (Robin Oakley writes).

Whitehall sources reaffirmed Mrs Thatcher's willingness to make a further plea for clemency to President Botha once the legal processes have been exhausted, if the six remain under threat of hanging.

Eight years on, back to square one in Gulf War

By Nicholas Beeson

Iran and Iraq, after nearly eight years of fighting, costing billions of pounds and hundreds of thousands of lives, yesterday returned to the pre-war status quo with both armies arranged along the international border where the conflict first started.

The futility of the Gulf War was brought home when Iraq declared that it had recaptured the Zubaidat area south-east of Baghdad, and Iran announced that it had withdrawn its forces from the Halabja region of Kurdistan, which it captured only four months ago.

The latest retreats mean that both countries have almost completely withdrawn their forces from each other's territory.

Gulf War experts were split over the motivation for the series of Iranian defeats and voluntary withdrawals from Iraqi terrain over the past three months, and Mr Heino Kopietz, of the International Institute for Strategic Studies, said that the moves could be part of an "agreed disengagement" by Tehran and Baghdad.

"The two key words are de-escalation and disengagement," said Mr Kopietz, who monitors the conflict from London. "This is not a peace treaty or an armistice but a first step to re-establish trust."

He said that Tehran and Baghdad, who have been unable to reach agreement through a United Nations-brokered peace settlement, had agreed to withdraw their forces from each other's territory and make commit-

ments not to attempt new offensives to recapture land.

His explanation goes some way to clarify why Tehran has put up such meagre defence of occupied Iraqi territories, which have fallen like dominoes - beginning with the Fao Peninsula in April, the Shalamchah area near Basra in June, the Majnoon Islands later that month, and yesterday's two reversals in the central and northern fronts.

Iran, beset by economic hardship, poor morale and growing world isolation, has publicly continued to promote the war but diplomats in Tehran this month said it was possible that the Iranian leadership had privately decided to "simmer the conflict down to a border dispute".

According to pronouncements this month by Tehran's newly appointed commander-in-chief of the armed forces - Hojatoleslam Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, the thrust of the Iranian military strategy is to improve the quality and training of its fighters and restock its depleted arsenal.

One source said that the disengagement deal was brokered by the superpowers and the *quid pro quo* for Iran giving up its territorial gains was a peaceful border and access to military hardware from Eastern Europe, particularly Bulgaria and Czechoslovakia. Iraq would gain by recapturing its territory and similarly

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NEWS ROUNDUP

Double mugging for mayoress

The double mugging of the mayoress put a different complexion on the law and order issue in the Kensington by-election campaign yesterday. The crime debate, so far confined to a dispute among the candidates about the future of the Notting Hill Carnival, could still climb above education and the poll tax in the issues ranking before voters takes place tomorrow. The west London constituency suffers the second highest crime rate in the capital.

As Mrs Elizabeth Tomlin, aged 43, nursed a broken wrist and spoke of being the latest crime statistic, her husband, Mr Ernest Tomlin, Mayor of Kensington and Chelsea, said: "We've had a basinful of it." Mrs Tomlin's eldest daughter was also mugged recently.

Mrs Tomlin, a Samaritan, had just parked her car in Exmoor Street, north Kensington, on her way to visit an elderly woman in St Charles Hospital, when a youth of about 12 snatched her shoulder bag containing £40 and her keys. She gave chase and then two other youths attacked her and took an antique necklace, bracelet and rings, breaking a bone in her wrist.

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Record overtime rise

Britain's strong economic growth has resulted in record levels of overtime being worked to cope with the increased growth in manufacturing industry, in spite of TUC opposition. Faced with increased demand for products, manufacturers are confronted with skill shortages, which mean that recruiting more labour to produce increased output may not be an option, according to analysis by Incomes Data Services. The study, in April, showed that 13.22 million hours of overtime in manufacturing industry.

Eight held in Majorca

Eight British tourists were remanded in custody yesterday after several people were injured in a brawl in Majorca. They were detained after arriving at a bar in Arenal, near the island's capital Palma, armed with baseball bats. The eight come mostly from Birmingham and Sheffield and are suspected of organising bus excursions where customers would pay a 25-dollar fee only to find that the sum did not include entry fees to night spots. Last week, five Britons were remanded in custody indefinitely after an incident with a group of Majorca taxi drivers in which one of the drivers died of a heart attack.

Orange marches' toll

Peel bombs were thrown at police in Northern Ireland yesterday, when tens of thousands of Orangemen took part in 18 separate marches to mark the anniversary of King William's defeat of the Catholic Jacobite forces in 1691. Police retaliated with plastic bullets during incidents in Belfast, Ballymoney, and Ballynahinch, where a policeman's home was fire-bombed. In Portadown four grenades were thrown at police from a "loyalist" area. A total of 11 policemen were injured and 60 people arrested.

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£310,000 damages

A firm of London solicitors with a number of wealthy Arab clients won £310,000 libel damages in the High Court yesterday over allegations of secret links with Israel. Mr Robert Gibbons, a senior partner in Fox and Gibbons, sued the Arab magazine *Sourakia* over allegations in April 1986 that the solicitors had a partner who lived and conducted business in Israel. The court found the article was defamatory, awarding £250,000. It also found it was malicious and added a further £60,000 for financial damage caused.

Medical bias warning

Sex discrimination in the medical profession was making some specialists virtual "no-go" areas for women doctors, Mr Antony Newton, Minister for Health claimed yesterday. He warned doctors to put their own "house in order" — or risk losing the skills only women could bring to the profession. Mr Newton said a survey published last month gave "clear evidence that there is discrimination against women doctors at all levels". It showed that sexist questions were asked at job interviews.

Cleveland criticism 'blurred abuse crisis'

By Jill Sherman
Social Services Correspondent

The director of social services in Cleveland hit out yesterday at criticism of his department's over-zealousness during the child sex abuse crisis.

Mr Michael Bishop, arguing that somebody had to "stand up for the truth and for children", said that only 26 of 118 cases of suspected abuse in Cleveland were cleared by the High Court.

In a rousing defence of his department's position, Mr Bishop told a conference of social workers and doctors in London that neither he nor his staff had any desire to split up families. However, the distress caused to parents had to be balanced against the potential damage to the child.

"I have to balance the hurt and pain suffered by the families who were sadly and unfortunately split up against the misery and degradation suffered by small children who, but for the department's intervention might have been left at the mercy of the abusers," he said.

Mr Bishop, whose resignation is

being sought by three MPs, said that it would be arrogant and conceited to suggest that officials got it absolutely right in Cleveland. "I do however feel that our honest endeavour was submerged beneath the critical analysis of our attempts to manage the almost unmanageable."

The public had to accept, as the Butler-Sloss inquiry had, that sexual abuse occurred in boys and girls of all ages, in all social classes and frequently in the privacy of the family.

He said that between January last year and last March, the social services department in Cleveland handled 545 complaints of suspected child abuse, 24 per cent of which had been referred by the police.

One in five, or 107, were eliminated as having no substance. A further 55 children were already protected by a court order and in 265 cases social work support was accepted by the family, although not always because of sexual abuse.

In 118 cases, or 22 per cent, the department applied for a place of safety order. Of these, it was

accepted either by the court or by the family that there was real cause for concern about sexual abuse in 83 cases. "This represents 70 per cent of the 118 places of safety orders."

Mr Bishop said that in nine further cases there was difficulty with evidence, including children withdrawing their allegations. The department did not proceed because, although suspicious, it could not prove abuse.

"In 26 cases involving 12 families, wardship was discharged and the children allowed to return home." In these cases, the High Court had cleared the families of allegations of sexual abuse.

"These are the cases which the law has determined we got wrong and I can only express my regrets if any family was damaged or hurt in any way," Mr Bishop said.

"But I have had to balance the damage to those 12 families against literally hundreds of cases where there was, at best, cause for concern but, worst, serious sexual abuse."

He alleged that some families had deliberately protested their innocence to the media after the courts

had decided against them. Throughout it was apparent that "adults could command public platforms and make their voices more than adequately heard. Those of us trying to act in defence of children were not and are not always properly listened to."

Mr Bishop agreed that the report had raised many dilemmas, mainly involving how to protect the child and at the same time safeguard the rights of parents. For instance, how could child protection agencies carry out separate responsibilities without affecting the child, such as when the police and social services are seeking proof for prosecution or evidence to justify care proceedings.

He said it was vital for a system to be set up which enabled the perpetrator to be identified without removing the child from the home.

Evidently exhausted by the pressures of the past months, Mr Bishop said that in spite of criticism levelled by the inquiry team, the public and the media, he stood "unbowed, unshamed and undefeated".

He claimed that if Cleveland had

not gone through the traumatic experience, it would have been left to another authority.

Mr Brian Roycroft, president of the Association of Directors of Social Services, later criticized the Cleveland report for failing to go far enough in its recommendations and for not addressing two important issues: what causes child abuse and how to best treat those who had been abused.

Instead of spending money on trying to measure the size of the problem, the Government should invest money on research to find out why men abused children, Mr Roycroft said. He urged the Government and professionals to give attention to the techniques and prevention as well as discovery.

He argued that the Butler-Sloss report had not gone far enough to recommend the creation of family courts. "Without tackling this, the new measures will be valuable palliatives but will not create the radical change necessary to treat the children as our first priority balanced against improving fairness for parents and families."

NUS faces financial ruin

Union on brink of abandoning Dover militants

By Tim Jones

The National Union of Seamen is about to abandon its 900 members at Dover who are determined to sustain the five-month-old dispute against P & O Ferries as it faces the prospect of financial ruin.

The influence of union activists, who consider defeat better than surrender, was further weakened yesterday when the 12,500-tonne *Pride of Walmer* docked at Dover from Tyneside to operate a daily service to Zeebrugge.

Already the company has a greater cross-Channel capacity than before the dispute over new working practices, and by the end of the month expects to resume normal operations to Boulogne.

Despite warnings from union leaders to end their unlawful mass picketing, the Dover strikers have responded by defying the High Court in occupying the union's office at the port. But their call for a national stoppage on P & O ships had no

effect and their action is threatening the survival of the union.

The NUS has been warned by Mr Justice Michael Davies that unless it dissociates itself from the mass picketing by July 25 it can expect a six-figure fine. The union, whose assets of £2.8 million have been sequestered, has already been fined more than £300,000 and faces legal costs conservatively estimated at more than £500,000.

Mr Justice Michael Davies, who has accused the NUS of "deliberate attempted suicide" warned at the last court hearing that it was getting near to the stage of bleeding itself to death.

A final effort to sustain the strike will be made by Dover members at a meeting of the NUS national executive on Friday, but is unlikely to succeed.

Some members want the union to challenge the judge's ruling on the grounds that the mass pickets are peaceful and that the convention that picket-line numbers should be limited to six is "just a code of practice and not law". It is understood, however, that the NUS has been advised that such a defence would be doomed to failure.

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Turkish leader begins state visit

By Andrew McEwen
Diplomatic Correspondent

President Evren of Turkey yesterday began a state visit to Britain, his first to a West European nation since his election in 1982.

Both British and Turkish diplomatic sources said it was no coincidence that he had accepted Britain's invitation ahead of those from other EEC countries. Ankara regards Britain as best placed to help it to join the Twelve.

In spite of the recent meetings between Mr Turgut Ozal, the Turkish Prime Minister, and Mr Andreas Papandreu, his Greek counterpart, both Ankara and London assume that Athens will stall Turkey's application.

Britain and West Germany have made clear their willingness to help, though both want to move cautiously.

It has come as a surprise to some that Britain should be seen as Turkey's best friend in the Community. Before it applied to join, Mrs Thatcher said that the Community needed more time to adjust to its enlargement to include Greece, Portugal and Spain.

But during a visit to Turkey in April she emphasized that the Government "welcomes Turkey's aspirations".

In her talks with President Evren today Mrs Thatcher is expected to emphasize the importance of restoring a dialogue between the Greek Cypriot and Turkish Cypriot leaders.

Police arrested 12 people at a demonstration outside Victoria Station on the president's arrival.



The Queen greeting President Kenan Evren of Turkey on arrival for his state visit

The Piper Alpha disaster

BP rig men win safety pledges

By Peter Davenport

Workers on an offshore gas field who resigned last week in a dispute over safety standards after the Piper Alpha disaster said yesterday they had secured several concessions from their employer in negotiations over a return to work.

Union representatives of the 150 men who walked out of their jobs on three BP rigs in the West Sole field, 40 miles off Humber, said William Press Offshore Ltd had agreed to meet demands for extra life-jackets, life-rafts and a larger lifeboat.

The construction and engineering company is engaged in a £57 million, three-year

programme of modernization on the rigs.

The men resigned last Friday and asked to be flown ashore amid growing concern over safety standards.

They said their concern was voiced before the Piper Alpha explosion, after an incident in which workers on a helideck platform were allegedly showered with grit from a sandblasting operation.

BP, which has said it does not believe there were any safety problems on the rigs, announced yesterday that its own employees, about 18 in number, were still on board the three rigs and that gas production was continuing normally.

BP said it was unsure whether the men's grievances reflected a general concern with safety standards off-shore or were directed at the West Sole rigs in particular.

Yesterday representatives of the men, who include pipe-fitters, welders, riggers and scaffolders, and union officials, held several hours of talks with senior managers from William Press Offshore in Hull, in an attempt to resolve the dispute.

Mr Greg Douglas, the divisional manager for Yorkshire and Humber of the construction section of the Amalgamated Engineering Union, said the men had three main demands.

They were for increased safety facilities and provisions on the West Sole rigs; proper recognition of trade unions' rights to be involved in health and safety matters; and more structured agreements covering employment in the North Sea off-shore industry.

Mr Douglas said the industry had become "biased about standards".

"The men and their families are entitled to expect their employers to be responsible for their safety," he said.

"The men have lost confidence in those responsible."

He said the employees had however agreed to the provision of extra life-jackets, life-rafts and a larger lifeboat.

Fast settlement of \$1.2bn oil claim

By Colin Narborough

An insurance claim estimated at \$1.2 billion by the operators of the Piper Alpha oil platform is likely to be paid within a few days under a fast-settlement facility which Lloyd's grants in big disasters.

The facility will enable the operators — Occidental, Texaco, Union Texas, and Thomson — to receive early payment of Lloyd's share of the insurance against the physical damage to the \$800 million platform.

Lloyd's said that potential claims over the dead and missing would not be involved in this settlement, nor would insurance arrangements made by the operators concerning losses on oil and gas they were unable to deliver to customers.

The fast-settlement facility, made on the basis of "pay now, sue later", was most recently employed in the case of the Airbus crash in France, which was settled in eight days.

Lloyd's was unable to put a figure on a possible claim by the operators, which had still to be submitted yesterday, but the market consensus was that insurers faced overall losses in the region of \$1.2 billion, 20 per cent higher than initial estimates.

The final figure for loss of

Social workers who helped victims of the Bradford fire and the Zeebrugge ferry disasters yesterday travelled to Aberdeen to advise on services for the bereaved and survivors from the Piper Alpha.

Mr Peter Hodgkinson, former manager of the team working with victims from the Herald of Free Enterprise, and Mr Michael Stewart, co-ordinator of services to victims of the Bradford fire, alerted Grampian social workers to the special steps they must take to help the bereaved cope with the disaster.

the platform will depend on the cost of bringing the wells under control, possible redrilling or dismantling of the installation, and expenditure on protecting the environment from leaking oil.

Lloyd's regards its fast-settlement system as a vital part of its flexible response to market demands, a quality which has helped it to keep its position as the world's premier insurance market.

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Rebel parents win surprise concession on choice of school

By David Tyler, Education Editor

The 22 families who fought a council order to send their children to a mainly Asian school were on the brink of victory last night after a surprise concession in the High Court when their children were offered places in the schools of their choice.

Their lawyers immediately travelled to West Yorkshire to consult the parents who had accused Kirkstall Metropolitan Council of acting illegally. This morning they will return to the High Court to give their decision.

In what appeared to be a sudden conciliatory move halfway through the second day of the hearing, the council offered the children places at the predominantly white Overthorpe and Thornhill schools. For more than a year, the council had said there was room for the children only in Headfield Church of England School, Dewsbury, where 85% of pupils are of Asian origin.

The parents rebelled and for the last year the children have been taught by a retired headmaster in a room above a public house.

The settlement statement was drawn up by the council's lawyers during the lunch break after Lord Justice Gidgell and Mr Justice McCullough had given the parents permission to introduce new grounds to their claim, including permission to attack school admission limits irrespective of whether there was a racial motive.

Two mothers, Mrs Sandra Lister and Mrs Ann Littlewood, both of Thornhill Lees, Dewsbury, had asked for a ruling on behalf of all the parents that the council had

acted unlawfully. They claim that Headfield School was in breach of the 1944 Education Act by not starting every morning with a Christian assembly and that the school provided insufficient Christian education.

The parents had complained that the council had contravened the Race Relations Act by setting artificial limits at Overthorpe or Thornhill in order to improve the racial mix at Headfield. In a statement to the court, Mr Michael Beloff QC, for Kirkstall, said the council continued to deny that.

Mr Beloff said that it was apparent that the focus of the parents' challenge had shifted from an allegation that the council was involved in trying to establish a particular racial mix to a claim that the council had not complied with certain statutory obligations about the publishing of school admission arrangements.

He went on: "While the council do not concede that they did not comply with their statutory obligations in 1987, they have taken the opportunity of reviewing the present situation in July 1988. They are happy to make an offer to the applicants in these proceedings."

The offer will apply to all 22 families and to other parents who are appealing against the council's refusal to give their children places at Overthorpe and Thornhill for the 1988/89 school year. Mr Beloff stressed that this was not an offer for the future to all parents. The council could not allow Overthorpe or Thornhill to become over-subscribed. The council offer was well-

comed last night by Mr Nick Seaton, of the Campaign for Real Education, who said: "Local education authorities throughout the country will now have to pay more attention to parental choice and will have to be more careful in herding children into unpopular schools simply for managerial reasons."

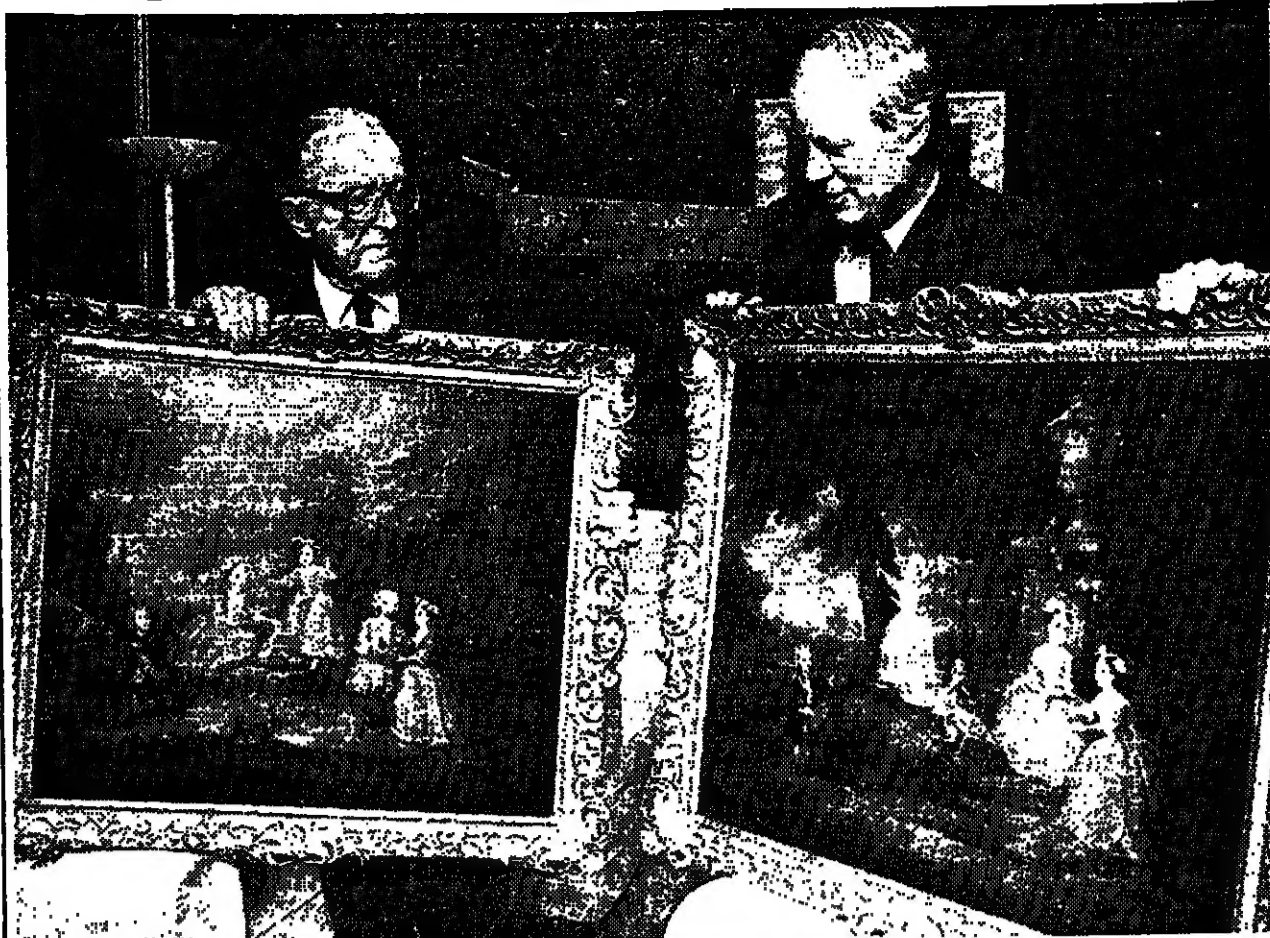
In fact, it will become more difficult for authorities to set artificial limits in popular schools when the Education Reform Bill becomes law at the end of this month. Under the "open enrolment" policy schools will be obliged to take children up to the maximum number allowed, whereas until now, some local education authorities, often to protect less popular schools, have set lower limits.

Mr Eric Haley, spokesman for the Dewsbury parents and landlord of the Thornhill Lees Hotel where the children have been attending lessons, would make no comment last night — on legal orders. "I've been told not to open the bottles of celebratory champagne, but I admit that I have been loosening the corks on a few of my best vintages", he said.

Mr Ken Dransfield, a former South African school inspector, who has been teaching the children, broke down on hearing the news.

● Governors of Burnage High School in Manchester, where Ahmed Ullah, an Asian pupil, was murdered in the playground, will ask the city council education committee to remove Mr Peter Moors, the acting headmaster. They believe he is partially to blame for the breakdown of the school's race policies.

Hogarth's bought for the nation



Lord Carrington (left), Christie's chairman, with "A House of Cards", and Mr Richard Luce, Minister for the Arts, holding "A Children's Party", after the announcement of the two paintings' acquisition yesterday (Photograph: Alan Weller).

By Sarah Jane Checkland
Art Market Correspondent

An important pair of paintings by William Hogarth has been withdrawn from auction at the eleventh hour and saved for the nation.

The move follows an emergency initiative by the Museums and Galleries Commission.

The paintings, "A House of Cards" and "A Children's Party", thought to portray the offspring of Thomas Fennor (later 1st Earl of Pomfret) in front of Easton Neston, their Northamptonshire home, also serve as allegories of human failings such as vanity and preoccupation with fortune.

The pair had been sent for sale at Christie's this Friday by Robert and Johnny Fennor-Hesketh, brothers of Lord Hesketh, who is a government spokesman on the arts.

Yesterday, Mr Richard Luce, Minister for the Arts, announced that the paintings had been accepted in lieu of tax.

The acceptance will discharge an inheritance tax owed to the Inland Revenue of £1.25 million. The price is the equivalent of the paintings fetching £2.7 million at auction, after which tax deductions would have reduced it to the same figure, £1.25 million. The Inland Revenue has agreed to wipe out £1.25 million of the brothers' inheritance tax bill.

Christie's were quick to take credit, saying they are "pleased... to have successfully completed negotiations for the transfer to the nation of an important pair of pictures by William Hogarth."

Mr Mark Wrey, a spokesman, said: "We hoped all along the paintings would go to the nation, but if we had

just waited and waited no decision would have been made."

That is in direct contradiction to another version of events from museum sources, whereby Christie's had been very reluctant to surrender these two prize commodities, and accordingly have their commission reduced by half.

An indication that the auction house had expected the sale to go ahead is the appearance of photographs in Friday's catalogue, and an advertisement in *Country Life*, the magazine, only last week.

According to a government rule, owners of items exempt from tax after September 1982 are required to give notice of sale to Museums & Galleries Commission.

This Christie's duly did. It was only on June 9, however, that the auction house formally offered the Hogarth paintings as tax-in-lieu candidates.

Portfolio PLUS NEW Accumulator £4,000 for pensioner

Yesterday's Portfolio prize of £4,000 was won by Mr Zygmund Szot, aged 73, of Lynton Road, Acton, west London.

Before his retirement, he was a stock control administrator in a small private company.

Mr Szot, a reader of *The Times* for the past 30 years, has played Portfolio since it began.

"I have never had this type of luck before", he said.

'Hacker' ordered off computers

By Stewart Tendler
Crime Reporter

A teenage computer expert was banned yesterday by a London court from "hacking" into computer systems as a condition of bail.

Mr Nicholas Whiteley, aged 19, of Enfield, north London, was released on bail until October 4 by magistrates at Bow Street on condition he does not access any computer system without the express consent of the owners.

Mr Whiteley, who works as a computer operator for a chemical research company, faces three charges of causing damage to a university system through hacking, under the 1971 Criminal Damage Act, the 1968 Theft Act, and the 1984 Telecommunications Act. Reporting restrictions were not lifted.

Det Inspector John Austen, of Scotland Yard's computer crime squad, said he was asking for a three-month adjournment to allow for police inquiries.

Husband accused of insurance cover motive

Gun death in kitchen

A Civil Servant heavily in debt shot his wife at point blank range to claim her life insurance policy, Nottingham Crown Court was told yesterday.

Mrs Heather Wesson, aged 41, of Long Eaton, Derbyshire, was shot in the chest as she was doing her family ironing. Mr John Milmo, QC, for the prosecution, said.

Her son William, aged 10, who was playing outside, found his mother lying on the kitchen floor, minutes before bank and building society representatives, court officials and police officers were due to take possession of the family home.

Mr Milmo said Barry Wesson, aged 45, an officer with the Department of Health and Social Services, owed more than £50,000 to assorted creditors.

"Despite all his financial difficulties, he had always managed to keep up the payments on a series of life

premiums on his wife", Mr Milmo said.

Mr Wesson has pleaded not guilty to murder, saying his wife's death was an accident.

The court was told that on October 12 last year, Mrs Wesson went into the kitchen to do some ironing and her husband told her he was going to clean his pump-action shotgun.

He began cleaning it in the kitchen with a duster and William went out to play. Minutes later, Mrs Wesson was shot.

Mr Milmo said a firearms expert believed Mrs Wesson was within 18 inches of the muzzle of the shotgun when it went off.

Mr William Wesson, aged 73, who lived with his son but was at work at the time of the shooting, said he knew nothing of the family's debt problem.

Asked if his son had ever requested financial assistance,

he replied: "He was probably too ashamed to ask for any help."

He described the night before the shooting as "an ordinary family evening".

Mr John Sefton of Barclays Bank, Nottingham, said he visited Mr Wesson to tell him about his forthcoming eviction and asked if he had found new accommodation. He said Mr Wesson replied: "There is no need to find alternative accommodation because the bank will be paid in full."

Police Constable Frank Murphy said he went to the Wesson house to stand by while an eviction order was served. As he reached the front door, Mr Wesson told him his wife had been shot.

PC Murphy said Mr Wesson asked "in a matter-of-fact manner" if she was dead. "He did not attempt to attend his wife's body", the constable told the court.

The case continues today.

Rape trial wife's 'sex jokes'

A woman police constable, whose husband is accused of being the Putney rapist, told a jury at the Central Criminal Court, London, yesterday how they laughed and joked about bondage. But the officer, aged 27, insisted her husband had never shown any interest in bondage, the trademark of the Putney rapist, who is alleged to have attacked nine women.

She told the jury: "There was nothing abnormal about our sexual intercourse. We laughed and joked about bondage. I think most people do. But he never expressed any such desire."

The WPC strenuously denied a suggestion by Mr Graham Boal, for the prosecution, that she was "des-

perately trying to protect him". "I'm telling the truth. I know these allegations are untrue", she replied.

The WPC, based in south London, went into the witness box yesterday afternoon to give evidence for her husband, a chef, aged 24, who denies raping seven women, indecently assaulting another, and attempting to rape a third.

She claimed her husband spent the night with her on some of the occasions he is alleged to have carried out rape attacks.

Answering questions from Mr Anthony Abridge, QC, for the defence, the woman, a born-again Christian, described meeting her hus-

band at a Baptist church in south London in 1979.

She began going out with him in November, 1981. They became engaged in May, 1986 and married the following August.

They settled down at the policeman's flat. In September her husband began going out for lone, night drives, the court heard.

"I was aware of this", she said. "I spoke to him about it. He said he wanted a bit of space. He wanted to get his confidence back. He wanted to have space for himself."

The WPC admitted she was concerned about his driving around alone. "I didn't like him going out. I was worried about his safety", she added.

Survey reveals women's dilemma

Feminism's happy legacy

Two decades of feminism have left most British women happy in their relationships and feeling that men treat them equally, according to a report released yesterday.

British women's priorities have changed, with more than half of working women questioned claiming that if faced with the choice they would not know whether to put their marriage or career first.

Most of the 4,000 women, aged between 16 and 45, who took part in the *Elle* magazine survey thought marriage was no longer the most important thing in their lives. Almost all, married or single, claimed they would happily co-habit with a man although most expected to get married. Only 1 per cent said they would give up their career after marriage.

The survey concludes: "There is now a generation of young women who know what they want, are prepared to work for it and have rejected the passive, desperate-to-

please mentality. They are happy with their emotional relationships and enjoy equal treatment from their partner."

But the findings contrast sharply with those of Shere Hite's book, *Women and Love, A Cultural Revolution*, based on a questionnaire sent to 4,500 women in the United States. Her work revealed that 98 per cent of American women were dissatisfied with their relationships, 92 per cent felt men treated them condescendingly, and 87 per cent claimed men did not pay attention when they raised serious issues.

Elle's survey found 88 per cent of British women are content with their present relationship, 81 per cent are treated equally by their men and 63 per cent of married women believe their marriage is the most important thing in their lives.

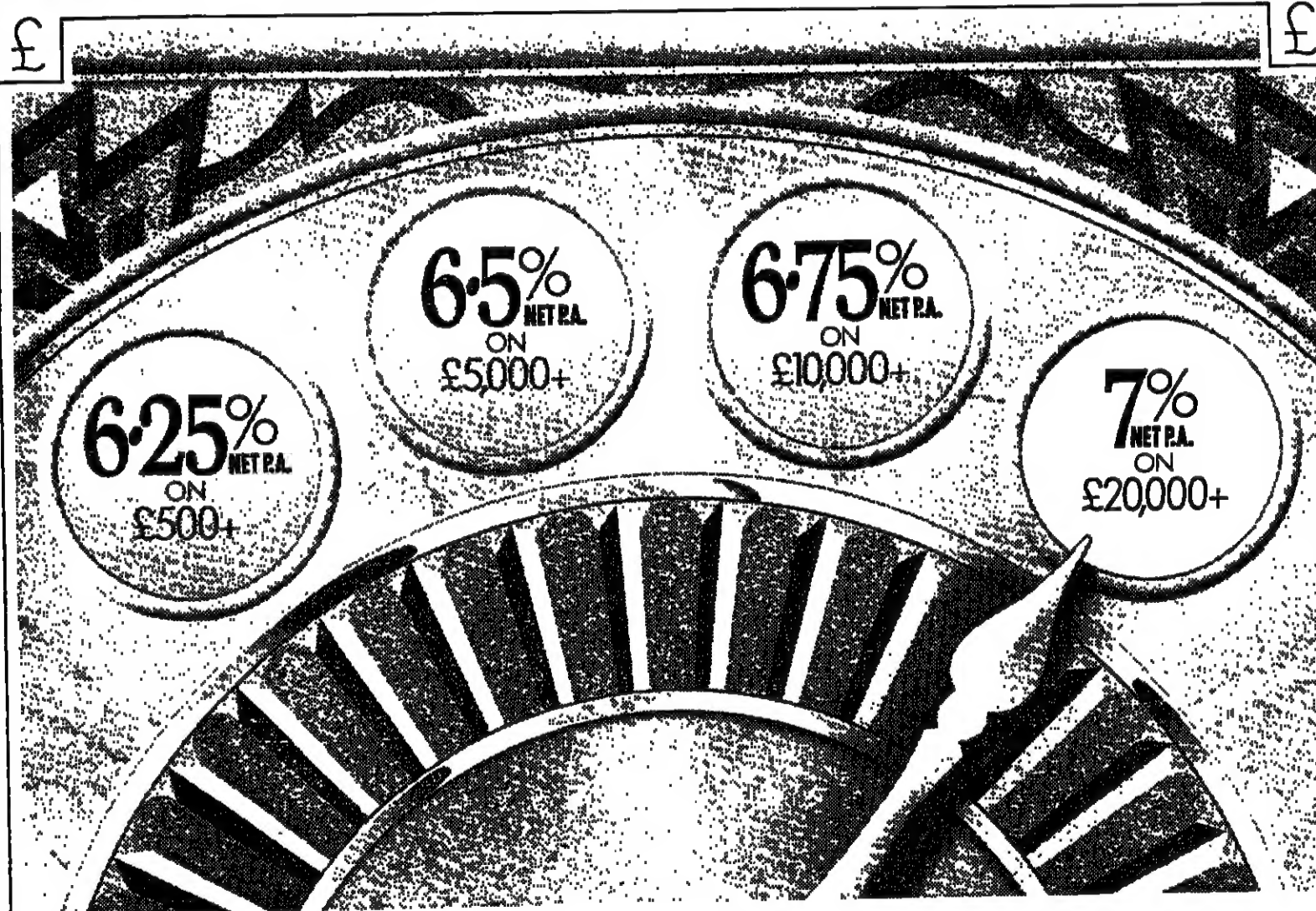
Paradoxically, British women felt fidelity was "very important" but half admitted

being unfaithful — a third of them with their present partner. When it came to housework, three-quarters of women said a man who did not share the load was not worth having, but in practice 13 per cent did all the housework, and half did most of it.

Most women felt confident discussing their sexual needs frankly with their partners, and 85 per cent said they had satisfactory sex lives, though one in seven admitted simulating satisfaction. The advent of Aids meant that of those who indulged in brief encounters, 79 per cent used condoms.

Of those surveyed, only 14 per cent were married, 26 per cent lived with a man, and 4 per cent were divorced or separated.

Only 7 per cent lived with a man and children, and 2 per cent were one-parent families. *Elle* admitted that the proportion of single career-oriented women surveyed was high.



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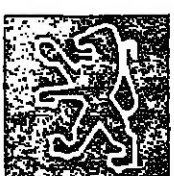
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High-speed trains will link London to Channel Tunnel

By Rodney Cowton and Christopher Warner

British Rail is expected to announce tomorrow plans for a high-speed link between London and the Channel Tunnel.

The link, costing as much as £1.3 billion depending on which route is chosen, would not come into use until the mid-to-late 1990s, and will be the subject of detailed study over the next two years.

In Kent, the county council is planning faster economic growth, with more houses and development within the Green Belt to take advantage of the opportunities presented by the tunnel and the M25.

A public examination of the council's revised plans for 1991-2001, set up by the Department of the Environment, opened yesterday in Maidstone, where Professor Gerald Smart of University College London, and two government officials are scheduled to hear 82 submissions, including those from conservation groups who oppose the proposals.

Another project being considered by British Rail is a route from Ashford, crossing the Thames in east London to link with the east coast mainline to provide a through route to the North. The first London terminal for tunnel passengers

will be at Waterloo, but British Rail will also retain an option to develop a second terminal underground at King's Cross.

Eurotunnel, the company which will operate the tunnel, has criticized British Rail for what was seen as its inadequate response to the need for rail links, particularly in regard to the 145mph average speed at which tunnel trains will be able to operate in France, and the 60mph average speed of trains in Kent.

However, British Rail has stuck to its plans for the first phase of operations, and will spend more than £500 million before the tunnel opens in 1993 on rolling stock, the upgrading of rail tracks south of London and the terminal at Waterloo.

It has been reluctant to rush into massive investment because of an obligation to obtain a return of 7 per cent on investment, and doubts as to how quickly tunnel traffic will build up.

The projects to be announced tomorrow are the result of a year-long study into what facilities will be required after 1993, but the developments in Kent will require parliamentary legislation, which ministers are under-

stood to want completed well before the opening of the tunnel.

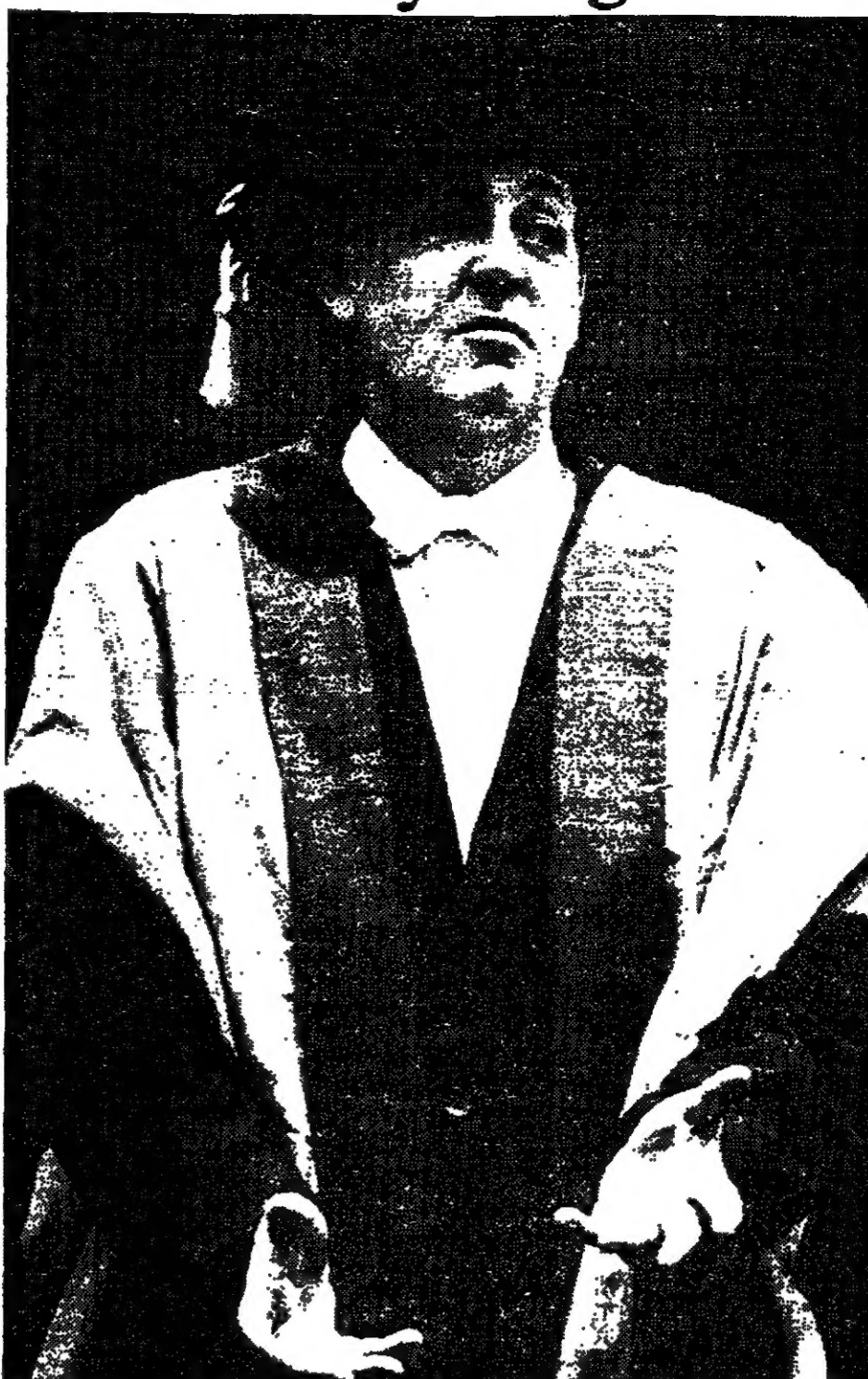
At the hearing in Maidstone yesterday, Mr Brian Briscoe, Kent county planning officer, emphasized that alterations to the county's structure plan were designed to strike a balance between the need for development and environmental factors.

He said that some representations would claim that the scale of proposed development would seriously damage the countryside, but he added: "The county council is very sensitive to the need to preserve these features, both for their own sake and recognizing that they contribute to the attraction of new investment, giving Kent its character. It is satisfied that such damage will not occur."

● The Channel Tunnel will widen the North-South divide unless the Government finances improvements to rail communications, the North of England Regional Consortium said yesterday.

Immediate action was necessary if the North was not to lose out on the benefits the Channel Tunnel would bring, with the electrification of the Midland main line to Sheffield being a priority.

McCartney's high note



Paul McCartney, the former Beatle, wearing a scarlet gown and black velvet doctor's bonnet with yellow tassels as he receives an honorary doctorate at Sussex University, Brighton, yesterday.

The musician, who will be entitled to call himself Dr McCartney and place the letters Hon D Univ (Sussex) after his name, was presented with the degree by Lord March and Kinara, the Chancellor, because of his contribution to music and his close links with Sussex.

McCartney, aged 46, and born in Liverpool, lives with his wife and four children on a 160-acre forest estate near Rye, East Sussex.

He joined 1,200 students at the degree ceremony at the Brighton Centre. His gown, trimmed with aquamarine lapels, was teamed with a white bow tie and black suede shoes.

McCartney was one of 15 chosen from more than 100 nominees by a 10-member committee of university dons and officials to receive an award. Others included Miss Anita Roddick, who founded the first of her Body Shop chain of stores in Brighton 12 years ago.

Mr Geoff Ivey, a university spokesman, said: "Paul will be allowed to call himself Dr McCartney if he wishes to as he has become a doctor of the university, 'Honoris Causa'."

"He has given pleasure to millions over the years and is a very distinguished modern composer. He also has lived in our county for many years and we have come to think of him as an adopted son of Sussex", he said. Others to have been awarded honorary degrees by the university include Lord Olivier, Albert Finney, Sir Yehudi Menuhin and Noel Coward. (Photograph: Roger Bamber)

Food poisoning is now at epidemic level, report says

By David Nicholson-Lord

Food poisoning has reached "epidemic" levels in Britain and become endemic in the food production system, it was claimed yesterday.

Despite advances in technology, the incidence of food poisoning has been climbing steadily since the war and has doubled in the past 10 years, reaching a record of more than 21,000 cases last year, according to the London Food Commission.

The commission, an independent research organization set up in 1984, published a guide, *Food Adulteration And How to Beat It*, yesterday to coincide with the launch of a food quality charter calling for a 10-point action plan to improve British food, including the reduction of additives and pesticides and farm fertilizer residues.

Ms Julie Sheppard, a science policy adviser and one of the report's authors, said: "We have created almost ideal conditions for the growth of pathogens throughout our food-producing and distributing system."

"At the moment we are only having to contend with

Salmonella but we are highly vulnerable should new and more deadly strains of bacteria develop in the future."

A leading member of a Government advisory committee also publicly attacked Mr John Gummer, the Minister of Agriculture, and claimed the Government was trying to play down the threat to public hygiene represented by *Listeria*, a bacterium found in chilled convenience food and responsible for 500 cases of poisoning and 150 deaths per year.

The commission's charter calls for better enforcement of food hygiene standards, more information for consumers and greater research into hazards. It says Britain lags behind other nations in safety standards and is the "sick food" producer of Europe, threatening to drag the EEC down to its own level when policies are harmonized in 1992.

According to research by the commission, 43 per cent of fruit and vegetables have detectable pesticide residues. *Food Adulteration And How to Beat It* (Unwin Paperbacks; £4.95p).

A rush for poetic English drawings

by Sarah Jane Checkland
Art Market Correspondent

English drawings and watercolours, particularly those inspired by poetry, were in great demand at Christie's in London yesterday. At £77,000, J M W Turner's dreamily moonlit portrayal of the ruined Melrose Abbey achieved top price, at more than three times its estimate, selling anonymously.

At the same sale, a fluent drawing by John Constable, entitled "Washbrook, Noon", showing a horseman on a wooded lane, sold for five times its estimate, at £60,500, again anonymously.

A private collection of drawings solely by John Constable fetched their estimated total of £308,440.

The top lot in the collection, at £38,500, was a single sheet with two ink studies abutting each other. The upper shows a figure huddled against the rain in open country, and is inscribed with a stanza from a Robert Burns poem. The

lower shows a rainy Hampstead Heath.

The drawings were bought by the London dealers Oscar and Peter Johnson.

Other good prices for items in the collection included £24,200 (within estimate) for a pencil drawing of Cowdray Castle, near Petworth, and £28,600 (double its estimate) for a pencil drawing of Malvern Hall, Warwickshire.

Correction

In early editions yesterday, a table showed North West Herefordshire as the health authority with the highest mortality rate. This should have read North West Hertfordshire.

GCSE board attacks critics

By Douglas Broom and Sarah Thompson

A GCSE board launched a fierce attack yesterday on critics of the new examination, asserting that the maintenance of standards was its top priority.

The Southern Examining Group, whose examinations have been taken by half a million fifth formers this summer, denied that results would be "massaged" to hide any shortcomings in the GCSE.

Its official spokesman, Mr George Turnbull, said: "We are not in the position of having to make the statistics look better or worse than in previous years."

"Our only task is to make sure that the standards are the same."

"This myth that the top 10

per cent of candidates automatically get an A is emphatically not the case. It is a question of maintaining standards however many people qualify for a particular grade."

The examination papers would be marked against national grade criteria and checked with a library of former O level and CSE scripts to ensure that standards set in previous years were maintained.

Ten thousand examiners are marking pupils' work in more than a hundred subjects. The SEG says it sent out 3,750,000 examination papers to schools — a volume of paperwork weighing more than 100 tons.

More than 700,000 pupils

took the new exam in England, Wales and Northern Ireland this summer and the first results are expected to be published on August 24.

● Teachers should be trained to recognize the ways children from different ethnic backgrounds react to similar situations, says the Assistant Masters' and Mistresses' Association in its evidence to the Government's inquiry on school discipline.

Teachers in all types of schools report that discipline is becoming increasingly difficult to maintain and the association advocates greater use of suspension and withdrawal units and "contracts" of good behaviour already pioneered by the National Association of Headteachers.

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...before it's too late.

A new generation is growing up in Cyprus who have never experienced how Greeks and Turks can live together in peace. The island has been sadly divided now for 14 years.

This benefits no-one, yet attempts to solve the

problem have all been without success.

The new President of Cyprus, George Vassiliou, has agreed to meet the leader of the Turkish Cypriots, Rauf Denktaş, but even if negotiations start this would only be the beginning.

Both communities have understandable anxieties.

Trust and confidence needs to be built.

This search for a solution deserves every encouragement before the opportunity is lost - possibly for ever.

All-party report on low-income statistics

MPs accuse Government of trying to hide poverty

By Martin Fletcher, Political Reporter

Government plans to change how poverty in Britain is measured would cut the politically embarrassing figures "at a stroke" without adding a penny to anyone's income, a leading all-party Commons committee disclosed yesterday.

In a unanimous report, the Tory-controlled social services committee said it was not convinced that there were sound methodological reasons for making the change.

It accused the Government of having progressively reduced the amount of publicly available information on poverty levels since 1979.

The report will be seized on by the Opposition, which has

repeatedly accused the Government of "fiddling" unemployment figures, and which has consistently maintained that government policies have created two nations — the haves and the have-nots.

Mr Frank Field, the committee's Labour chairman, said it was vital that there was reliable information on the number of people on low incomes so that the Government's claim that all sections of society would benefit from its economic policies could be assessed.

So determined was the committee to have this information that it would collect it itself if the Government refused to do so, he said.

The report noted that the

number of people on low incomes had risen from six million in 1979, when the Conservatives took power, to 9,400,000 in 1985, the latest figures available. Poverty figures that were previously published annually were now published every two years.

The Government was unhappy with the figures because they showed relative rather than absolute poverty, being based on the number of people with incomes close to or below supplementary benefit levels.

It argued that by raising supplementary benefit under this yardstick, the number of poor automatically increased.

In March the Government announced a new method of compiling statistics. In future

it would provide data on the basis of low-income households rather than individuals eligible for benefits, and would concentrate on relative changes in the living standards of the poorest sections of society, instead of numbers.

The report says because the poor sometimes live with the better-off, the effect of using households as the basis for calculation would be to cut at a stroke the recorded numbers on low incomes. However, "not one person's income will be increased as a result of the proposed methodological changes".

Social Services Committee: Families on Low Income. Low Income Statistics (Stationery Office: £4.50).

Court to rule on Post Office briefings

By John Spicer, Employment Affairs Correspondent

A dispute over what the Post Office sees as a challenge to its right to talk to employees may be decided in the High Court today amid fears that legal action against the postal workers' union could lead to a nationwide confrontation.

Lawyers acting for the Post Office are seeking an injunction against the Union of Communication Workers to force it to withdraw an order telling its 120,000 postmen, postwomen and clerks not to attend monthly "team briefings".

Mr Bill Cockburn, managing director of the Post Office's letters division, sees

the instruction as a breach of contract and an attempt by the union to stop managers and supervisors communicating with their staff. "The instruction not to attend is totally unacceptable and in our view is outside the law", he said.

The Post Office introduced team briefings, a concept developed by the Industrial Society, to keep staff up to date during a period of rapid change. It was accepted by the union's national leadership — its general secretary, Mr Alan Tiffin, is a member of the Industrial Society's council — but was

rejected at the union's annual conference in May.

Last week, union branches received circulars telling members to boycott the briefings. The union claims the briefings were being used to brainwash staff into accepting contentious work practices.

The Post Office sought the injunction from Mr Justice Auld on Friday, but the judge adjourned the hearing, expected to be held in chambers, until today so that more evidence could be put before him.

Royal nose out of joint



Queen Victoria sits atop her memorial outside Buckingham Palace, with her two-year-old "nose-job" still looking the worse for wear. The nose was recast for the wedding of Prince Andrew and it has remained there since, in

stark contrast to the rest of the statue. It will take some years before the joint disappears on the statue of the queen, once described as "a lady of many parts". (Photograph: James Gray)

River polluters to be curbed

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

Tougher laws to clean Britain's rivers are to be given to a new National Rivers Authority. Automatic protection provided to many major polluters under the existing Control of Pollution Act is to be abolished.

Details of stronger powers to prosecute offenders were published yesterday by the Department of the Environment. Tighter laws are considered necessary after studies showed that more than 20 per cent of sewage works last year made discharges above permitted levels.

The new measures will form

part of the Bill to be introduced by the Government later this year for privatization of the water authorities. Recommendations for better protection of rivers come in a response by the Government to the House of Commons Environment Select Committee's report on pollution of rivers and estuaries.

Lord Cairness, Minister of State for the Environment, said yesterday: "The water environment is under increasing pressure from competing demands of water supply, industry, leisure and recreation. In some areas

pollution is rising, and we need to protect our priceless common inheritance."

One of the prime concerns is that in Britain more than 60 per cent of drinking supplies come from rivers and reservoirs.

The clean-up programme in the report has five main elements, including moves to persuade the water authorities to complete a four-year long, £700 million sewage treatment works on schedule, and removal of special protection for farmers over agricultural pollution.

'Music village' inquiry starts

A plan to build a retirement village for music lovers in the grounds of the mansion where Sir Hubert Parry composed "Jerusalem" was described yesterday as a unique, exceptional and exciting venture.

Mr Michael Harrison, QC, said at the start of a public inquiry into the scheme that the building of the retirement complex would finance the restoration of the seventeenth-century Highnam Court, near Gloucester, and its historic water gardens.

Mr Harrison was representing Mr Roger Smith, a conductor, who owns the Grade One listed house. Mr Smith is asking the Secretary of State for the Environment to grant outline permission for 300 apartments in the grounds. He also wants permission to convert the house into an 80-bedroom hotel and to build an opera box seating 700 people.

The scheme is supported by Tewkesbury Borough Council, but opposed by Gloucestershire County Council, English Heritage, Highnam Parish Council and a "Highnam Says No" action committee.

The inquiry continues today.

Ski inquiry

Councillors in Berkshire yesterday agreed to hold an inquiry into whether teacher supervision was adequate on the skiing trip in which four teenage pupils died in Austria in April. Verdicts of misadventure were recorded at the inquest.

PC remanded

Police Constable Mark Springall, aged 26, of Wells, Somerset, was remanded until July 19 at Bow Street Magistrates' Court yesterday, charged with making illegal applications for nearly 5,000 shares in British Gas.

Libel damages

A relative of Michael Ryn, the Hungerford killer, is to give a share of "substantial" libel damages awarded in the High Court yesterday to the town's appeal fund. Mr Robert Hyde received an undisclosed sum from the *Sunday Mirror*.

Case dropped

A charge of assault against Stratford, Johns, aged 62, the actor, was withdrawn yesterday by his wife Nanette, aged 52, at a one-minute hearing at Wimbledon Magistrates' Court, south-west London.



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Staff cuts in science 'muddled'

By Anatol Lieven

Scientists are predicting that British oceanography will suffer severely because of reductions in staff announced by the Natural Environment Research Council yesterday.

Institutes controlled by the research council will lose about 160 posts by April next year, half of them through voluntary redundancies and natural wastage.

The research council has ordered the reductions because of cuts of £2.5 million over the past three years in its grant from the Department of Education and Science, but the Institute of Professional Civil Servants called the cuts "muddled, unnecessary and deeply damaging to science".

The Government has encouraged the council to seek more income from research contracts and, although it has responded, a spokesman said that government departments, which are responsible for two thirds of contracts, were cutting back too.

One field to be cut is commercial instrument production, which has been generating a small profit but in which the council now has no money to invest. One of the research centres to be affected is the Institute of Oceanographic Sciences at Wormley, Surrey, which is seen as vital to oceanographic research.

Dr John Harvey, of the East Anglia University, said: "Oceanography is a big science: it involves major programmes and investments and needs a national institute to co-ordinate them".

He is concerned that cuts in oceanography may hinder attempts to understand what is known as the "greenhouse effect", the gradual warming of the earth's atmosphere, marked by the fact that the four years with the hottest world average temperatures in the past century have all been in the 1980s.

The research council said it was "trying to concentrate remaining resources on areas of science with high social and economic benefits", but one leading scientist at Wormley claimed that the cuts were part of a tendency by the Government to cut "vital long-term research where there's no immediate pay-off".

Great Yorkshire Show

Call to research crop energy

By John Young, Agriculture Correspondent

The Government should finance a full-scale research programme into potential industrial uses for crops instead of spending money on "set-aside" and diversification schemes to encourage new uses for surplus farm land, a National Farmers' Union official said yesterday.

Mr John Collier, chairman of the West Riding branch of the union, said one of the lessons to be learnt from the Chernobyl and North Sea oil rig disasters was that the world was demanding its energy on the cheap.

Attention paid so far to permanently renewable sources of energy had been "woefully inadequate". The growing of oil and starch-based crops as an industrial feedstock and the fermentation of cereals and sugarbeet

could be made economically attractive, and ultimately essential, when oil ran out.

Speaking at the Great Yorkshire Show in Harrogate, Mr Collier said that British farmers were under siege from declining incomes and from environmental pressure groups.

Excluding the value of their land, some 16 per cent of all farmers had liabilities in excess of their assets. In the past, they had been able to escape the price-cost squeeze by producing more, but now that escape route was closed because they were already producing too much. "We are being neglected by Government, and that is harmful," he said.

Mr Derek Welford, chairman of the union's North

Riding and Durham branch, forecast that few farmers would be tempted by the set-aside scheme because payments were too low. He could only suppose that the Government was relying on other EEC countries to reduce their production by devising more effective schemes.

Predictions that food prices would rise as a result of the North American drought were misleading. Manufacturing and distribution costs of the food industry were so much higher than the price of the raw material, that a few pounds on a tonne of grain were insignificant.

But manufacturers had been quick to raise the price of animal feeds, which livestock producers were unable to pass on to their customers because the market was over-supplied.

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Headmaster praises bravery in ordeal of bullets and flames

Convent girls tell of Greek cruise bloodbath

By Patrick O'Hanlon

The party of British convent schoolgirls caught up in the Greece terrorist attack returned home yesterday still shaken by their ordeal, many weeping openly.

Two of the girls, Philippa More, aged 16, and her friend Nicola Sheard, aged 15, along with their classics teacher, Mrs Celia Whitmore, from Our Lady of Zion school at Worthing, West Sussex, recalled events on the City of Poros which left 10 dead and scores more holidaymakers injured. The girls had been on an A-level educational trip to Corinth and other places of classical interest.

A "coughing" sound from the engines was the first hint of trouble, Philippa said. "We later found out it was a man randomly shooting. Everyone got down on the floor grabbing chairs and tables - anything to cover ourselves."

"Flames were coming out of the chimney. We were on the top deck and we tried to get down to the middle deck. There were bodies lying on the stairs and everybody was running around."

"There were not enough life-jackets to go round and everyone was piling into the lifeboats, but no-one could get them down."

"A few of the girls jumped overboard because they couldn't breathe. A few got hysterical, and we tried to calm them down."

Nicola said that at first they thought it was an aircraft attacking. "The explosion was the most terrifying thing of all. We hid under chairs, trying to

get as far into the corner as we could. People were just lying on the stairs covered in black. There was nothing you could do; you just walked past."

"It seemed so long before anyone came", she added. "A woman had been shot and her leg was just pumping blood. When we saw the boats coming we were so relieved, I was just praying that we remained alive."

The girls who had jumped into the sea had to wait for about half an hour before being rescued. "When we saw the ship and lifeboats coming to get us, the relief was enormous. You've got to stay calm in that sort of situation," Nicola added.

I just hope the terrorists realize what they've done

"Those three people (the terrorists) caused so much heartache to the families and so many children. I just hope they realize what they've done and never do it again."

She was pulled into a boat by two Greeks. "They were so kind. But the journey back to the shore in the lifeboat took so long. One man in the boat was shot in the arm."

Both girls said that they did not feel like heroines. Philippa said: "You first think of yourself and then you see your friends and you all feel so much stronger. We all just held hands."

Philippa said that she was looking forward to getting

home to watch her favourite television programme, *Neighbours*. Nicola, who was "absolutely shattered", wanted to see her parents and go to bed. "You really want your family to be with you at a time like this."

Another of the girls, Tracy Marchant, aged 16, had a tearful reunion with her parents when the rest of the party arrived back at the convent.

"I was on the top deck when we suddenly heard this popping sound. We thought it was coming from the funnel of the ship, but then we saw this man with a machinegun in his hand," said Tracy, who was still trembling. "He came up to the top deck from lower down and started firing everywhere. He was just spraying bullets randomly and many people were being shot. There was sheer panic."

"The man then went down on to the lower deck, turned and threw a grenade back up towards the funnel," she continued. "There was an explosion and then more blood and gore."

"We had lots of towels because we had been sunbathing, and we gave them to people who were injured. Some of the girls also took off their T-shirts to use as bandages. I am a member of the Red Cross, so I knew a bit of what to do. We just tried to calm people down. I was completely numb. I didn't know what was going on."

The girls' teacher, Mrs Whitmore, said: "Two of the girls had jumped into the water because they were being

scorched by the fire. I saw one girl jump and felt terrible." All about her the injured and dying were lying groaning. "I made it into a little fishing boat that had loads of people in it and we crouched down, fearful that it would topple over if we stood up."

"It took a good 25 minutes to get to shore," Mrs Whitmore continued. "We could see it all the time, but it was still a long way away."

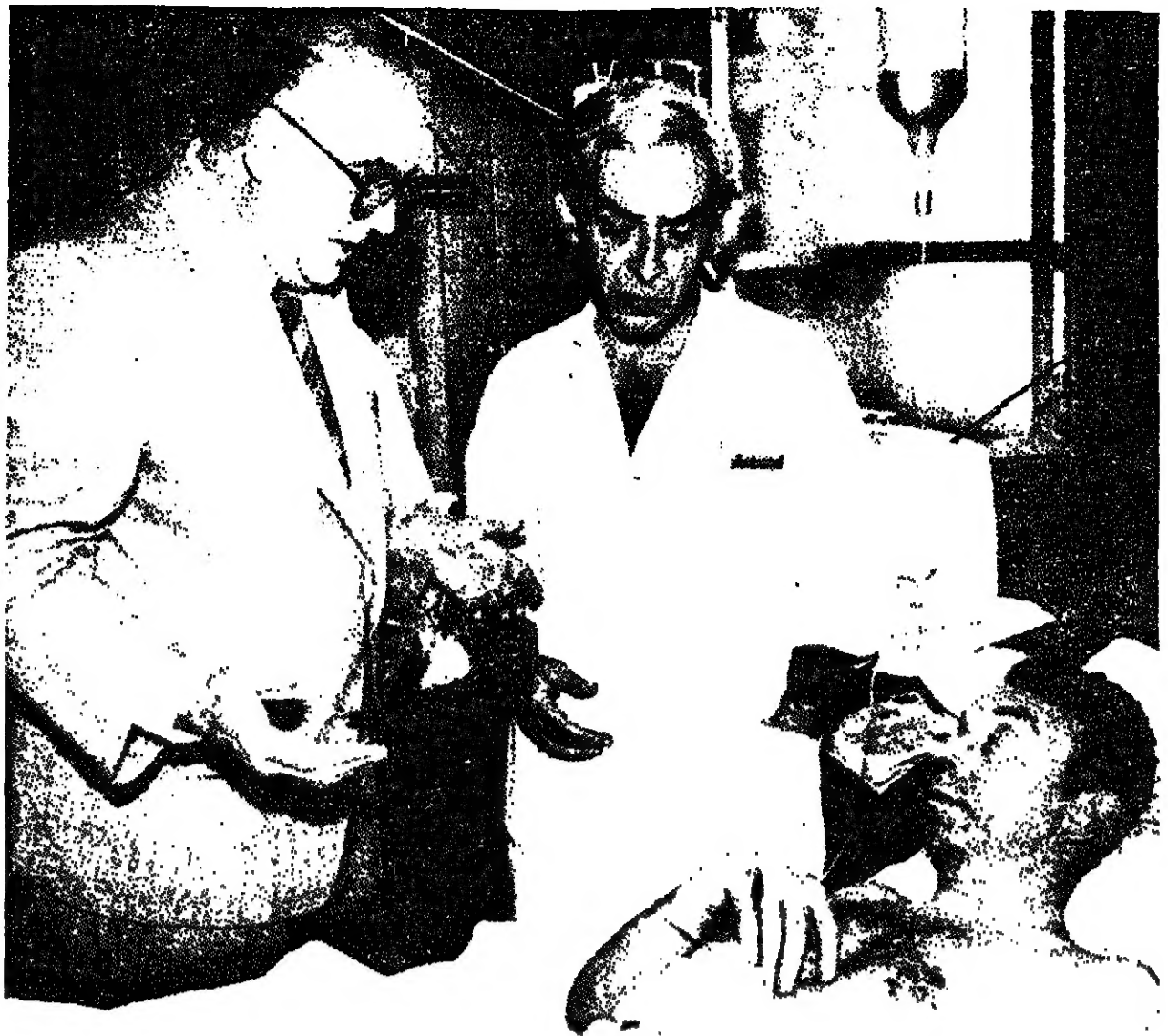
She and her husband made the trip back to shore with only one of the girls in her boat, not knowing the fate of the others. "I was frantic. I was only aware we had one girl. I didn't know the others

There was an explosion and more blood and gore

had been rescued until we got back to the quay. Some of them were shouting from the quayside 'We're OK, we're OK', and the relief to find alive and safe 12 girls whom I'd taken out was tremendous. The girls behaved absolutely beautifully."

Mr Brian Saxton, the headmaster, who was at the airport to meet the girls, said: "We're very proud of them and very relieved they are all safe. They saw people being killed and the ship bursting into flames. They had to dive for their lives. They have all been very brave." It was now a question of helping them "to tend to their wounds", he added.

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Mr Andreas Papandreu, the Greek Prime Minister, speaking to a tourist, Mr Ulf Lars Johansson, a victim of the attack by gunmen on the City of Poros. The Greek Prime Minister visited several of the injured in hospital in Athens yesterday.

Dukakis continues to set the pace as voters' doubts over candidates grow

From Charles Bremner, New York

Mr Michael Dukakis, the Democratic candidate in the US presidential election, is holding his strong lead over Vice-President George Bush, but both men have slipped in public esteem, according to an opinion poll released yesterday by *The New York Times* and CBS Television.

The survey, considered one of the most authoritative, had the Governor of Massachusetts attracting 47 per cent of the potential vote, compared with 39 per cent for the Republican. The newspaper's last poll, in May, showed a similar margin, but the new findings contrasted with other recent surveys which have

shown the gap narrowing to about five percentage points.

The good news for Mr Bush was a drop in the favourable rating for Mr Dukakis from 38 to 28 per cent, but the *New York Times* said the dis-

affection came mainly among Republican voters who were backing the Vice-President. Mr Bush is catching up on Mr Dukakis in the North-East and the South.

The Vice-President continued to suffer from an exceptionally poor public image. Only 26 per cent of voters had a favourable view of him, one of the lowest ratings he has received in the eight years of *New York Times*/CBS polls. Thirty-one per cent had an unfavourable view of him.

A notable feature of the latest survey was the apparent resistance to Mr Bush's attempts to convince voters that Mr Dukakis is a liberal, a key element in his campaign.

The poll also indicated that only about half the electorate has made up its mind about which candidate to vote for.

Confidence in the abilities of both candidates has sagged since the May poll. Asked if they were confident or uneasy with Mr Dukakis's ability to handle a difficult international crisis, only 30 per cent of voters expressed confidence, down from 38 per cent in May, and 49 per cent said that they were uneasy. Mr Bush, the candidate with far more foreign policy experience, had 37 per cent of the sample expressing confidence and 50 per cent unease.

The poll showed Mr Dukakis benefiting from a public mood running strongly in favour of spending on education and welfare. Less than 20 per cent said they wanted more military expenditure.

Air delays mount as Greek controllers go on hunger-and-sleep strike for pay

By Michael Horsnell

Thousands of British tourists faced holiday chaos with delays of more than six hours yesterday as Greek air-traffic controllers began a hunger-and-sleep strike.

Fears that the unprecedented nature of the industrial action could affect air safety and lead to a ban on flights were denied by British authorities. But British Airways disclosed that it was keeping a watching brief in case of deterioration.

Scheduled BA flights from Heathrow were delayed by 90 minutes only. It was the estimated 4,000 holiday-makers flying on charter flights to Greece who bore the

brunt of the action. The Civil Aviation Authority said this was because Greek authorities had for safety reasons imposed a "flow control" system which did not allow flights to take off for Greece unless landing clearance had previously been given.

At Gatwick Airport passengers on afternoon and evening flights were delayed indefinitely. Some Olympic Airways passengers were put up in a hotel after the 4.45pm flight from Heathrow to Athens was delayed overnight.

A spokesman for Thomson Holidays, which had 23 flights to Greece booked yesterday, said: "Delays lengthened from

three to six hours during the day. There is no way of telling how the situation might improve."

A spokesman at Manchester Airport said: "We got about six or seven of our 18 Greek flights away this morning and also had some arrivals. But now it's a question of everyone hanging around waiting for an available slot."

A Gatwick spokesman added: "We have got away only seven of our 28 Greek flights. We just can't seem to get any news from Greece and don't know how long the other flights will be delayed."

The Greek air-traffic controllers, who are in a pay

dispute, began their unusual action on Monday after their Government banned them from working but are not sleeping or eating, so they quickly become unfit to work.

Mr Peter Simopoulos, London general manager for Olympic Airways, said talks were to begin last night in a bid to settle the dispute.

Meanwhile Lord Brabazon, the Aviation Minister, yesterday announced that the Government was preparing to give more money and policy-making powers to the aviation agency Eurocontrol in Brussels in an attempt to ease congestion in Europe's skies.

WORLD ROUNDUP

Sihanouk attacks Khmer Rouge

Paris - Prince Sihanouk of Cambodia arrived in Paris from Bangkok yesterday, declaring himself an exile in France after resigning as head of his country's coalition Government (John Peder writes). Twice before he has quit or taken leave of absence from the administration, but this time, the Prince declared, his resignation was irrevocable.

He described the coalition - in which the infamous Khmer Rouge, with more than 25,000 guerrilla fighters, are by far the strongest element militarily - as "abominable". They had stepped up their attacks on his own guerrilla force since the Vietnamese had begun their withdrawal west of the Mekong river and had killed some of his officers and men. Prince Sihanouk said that he was counting on Europe, the United States and Japan to see to it that the Khmer Rouge did not return to power.

Pollution crackdown

Rio de Janeiro - São Paulo, South America's biggest and perhaps most polluted metropolis, will shut down a large sector of its city centre today in an unprecedented experiment designed to control alarming levels of pollution (Mac Margolis writes). In an exercise that local officials will compare to nuclear fall-out drills, private vehicles will be prohibited access to the streets around the city centre.

Only mass transit buses and emergency vehicles will circulate. Some 600 civil and military police will scour the streets for offenders and levy fines of about \$60 to people caught breaking the ban. The fines will be merely symbolic, and the blockade merely a rehearsal, but authorities describe the exercise as deadly serious.

Mass murder ruling

Los Angeles - The California Supreme Court has ruled that the killing of a pregnant woman and her foetus can bring death in the San Quentin gas chamber for mass murder (Ivor Davis writes). Jerry Bunyard, aged 38, of Stockton, California, was convicted of multiple murder for the November 1979 killing of his wife Elaine, who was nine months pregnant with her unborn daughter.

The justices affirmed the jury's finding that Bunyard was guilty of the special circumstances of multiple murder and thus eligible for either life in prison without parole or the death penalty.

Arms talks reconvene

Geneva - Mr Max Kampelman, the chief American arms negotiator, insisted yesterday that crucial issues "should not be governed by the calendar". But he did not exclude all the possibility of an agreement for a 50 per cent cut in the number of intercontinental ballistic nuclear missiles superpowers' arsenals. As the 10th round of the Start talks began, McGregor writes. "We will continue no matter who is the President of the United States or, for that matter, leader of the Soviet Union."

End of Maxwell's era

New York - Manhattan has bid farewell to another relic of the swinging Sixties and the carefree Seventies. Maxwell's Plum, the flamboyant restaurant cum singles bar that became a landmark and a symbol of an era, has closed suddenly after 22 years (Charles Bremner writes). Mr Warner LeRoy, the owner, gave his 155 staff no warning when he announced the last meal at the art nouveau establishment. "I think its time has come. It's a show, and establishments close. It's not so special anymore, and it's not so special I don't see much point in keeping it open."

Rent-a-crowd greets Soviet leader in Cracow

From Richard Bassett, Cracow

On the second day of his six-day visit to Poland, Mr Mikhail Gorbachev visited the bastion of Polish Catholicism, the medieval city of Cracow.

But speculation that this might herald a more friendly attitude towards the Catholic Church was short-lived. Mr Gorbachev made it clear that he was only a tourist in the vast Gothic pile which stands at the heart of the old city.

The Soviet leader, accompanied by his wife, Raisa, was given a tour of the Church of St Mary.

Both Cardinal Gimp, Poland's Primate, and the Archbishop of Cracow, are out of Poland for the duration of Mr Gorbachev's visit.

Mr Gorbachev showed rather

more enthusiasm earlier when he visited a ramshackle pair of cottages at Poronin, in the foothills of the Carpathian mountains, which once housed Lenin for a few weeks on one of his itinerant journeys westwards, fleeing from the forces of law and order of Tsarist Russia.

The link between communism's high priest and Poland is one which officials on both sides have done as much as possible to strengthen during a tour which is attempting to paper over the traditional enmity most Poles feel towards the Russians and towards communism, with or without glasnost.

Judging by the emptiness of Cracow yesterday - some shops were boarded up with notices declaring "Owing to Gorbachev's visit we are closed today" - the city was

remarkably indifferent to the Soviet leader's presence.

Not that it was possible for them to ignore the Soviet party's visit. In a security operation of unprecedented size since the days of martial law, all streets leading to the main square were sealed off by police, and there were strict identity checks.

When Mr Gorbachev finally left St Mary's Church, the crowd which had assembled to greet him consisted of 400 uniformed policemen and 600 thinly disguised members of the Polish plainclothes security force, UB. These last, identifiable by hastily issued plastic badges, waved and applauded the Soviet couple.

Mr Gorbachev was clearly not impressed and, as he went up to a group of them for his usual exchange of friendly words, cut short his own

comments when he realized that he was being confronted with nothing more than rent-a-crowd.

Not a single Pole, with the exception of two or three local journalists, was anywhere near the Gorbachevs during their tour of the ancient city of Cracow.

The high police profile was clearly a result of fears that opposition groups might stage some unofficial demonstration to coincide with an official youth rally at Wawel Castle to be attended by the Gorbachevs and General Jaruzelski, the Polish leader.

But if Mr Gorbachev's reception in Cracow was disappointing, he was no doubt more than happy with General Jaruzelski's unequivocal support for his policies.

Addressing a group of Soviet and

Polish teenagers at the Wawel Castle yesterday evening, the general said: "Perestroika is our path into the 21st century." Urging Polish youth to have patience, he said socialism was "emerging from the period of inertia".

● MOSCOW: A new documentary film exposes trading in drugs and gold between corrupt police in Soviet Turkmenia and Afghan rebels, Tass said yesterday (Reuters reports). The film, *Aura*, tells the story of a chief of police in the Takhta-Bazar region of Turkmenia on the border with Afghanistan, who was buying gold from the local population, Tass said. "He was passing it over the border in exchange for drugs. And there... this gold was being converted into weapons for killing our boys."

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Ironie homage from architect of glasnost to man of steel

From Our Own Correspondent, Cracow

When Mr Mikhail Gorbachev visits the Baltic port of Szczecin today, the Soviet leader will be paying an ironic compliment to his now despised predecessor, Stalin.

It was Stalin - more than any Pole - who insisted on the demarcation of Poland's new western frontier, including the Prussian port of Szczecin.

Polish observers at the 1945 Potsdam peace conference, eager to ensure that they received Gdansk (Danzig) had not given much thought to a city which had not been Polish since 1648.

But nothing perhaps displays Stalin's cunning genius

- a genius which Mr Gorbachev's glasnost has still to match - more vividly than the incorporation of Szczecin into Poland.

By slanting Poland 300 miles to the west, Stalin's own frontier was also moved 300 miles further into Europe. To compensate the Poles for the losses, which included the old Polish city of Lwow, Stalin - the man of steel - was able to appear magnificent by insisting that the Poles evicted by the Russians should simply move to the "recovered territories" further to the west.

By giving Poland all of West Prussia, he ensured that Poles would never become the best of neighbours. His plan made certain that never again would the Soviet

Union feel in the least menaced by the possibility of a German-Polish alliance.

The new frontier was bitterly opposed by Churchill, who believed that "one day, the Germans may want their territory back and the Poles will not be able to stop them".

As Mr Gorbachev tours the Warak shipyard this afternoon, he will be unable to ignore the results of Stalin's

legacy. From every gatehouse at the yard, banners proclaim "Szczecin is Polish forever".

From the tops of buildings across the former Kaiser Wilhelmplatz to the very Prussian-looking railway station, posters insist with relentless monotony "Western Pomorania always Poland".

For East Berlin, less than 60 miles away, the city's banners are an unpleasant reminder of an unpleasant past.

Underneath the rhetoric of communist brotherhood, there is not much love lost between East Germans and Poles.

Moreover, as the East Germans have shown recently, while Szczecin may well be "Polish forever", the Bay of Szczecin is another matter in the intriguing whirl of Eastern

European relations. On January 2, 1985, East Germany extended its territorial waters in the Baltic from three to 12 miles, resulting in Polish shipping being banned from its traditional routes north of the Polish coast.

The move has been enforced by East German gunboats and helicopters.

Gunboats have ejected Polish ships from anchorages and stopped and searched Polish yachts.

One old sailor recounted how he was threatened by two gunboats when returning from a long sea voyage. He tuned immediately to the international radio frequency and said: "We have been out of touch for a while. But tell me, are we at war?" Foreign

shipping has also been threatened and Szczecin has lost six million tonnes of cargo (a quarter of its annual turnover) since the East Germans began patrolling the bay.

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Reagan names aggressive crime fighter to replace Meese

From Mohsin Ali, Washington

President Reagan yesterday nominated Mr Richard Thornburgh, a moderate Republican and former Governor of Pennsylvania, to succeed Mr Edwin Meese as the US Attorney General.

Mr Thornburgh, aged 55, is a former head of the Justice Department's criminal division. His nomination is expected to cause little controversy in Congress and he is likely to get quick Senate confirmation.

President Reagan recalled Mr

Thornburgh's service as a tough anti-crime governor, saying that "at the end of his term, the state's serious crime rate had dropped 17 per cent".

The President also praised him as a champion of law enforcement, as a governor and as a former Justice Department official in charge of all criminal investigations and prosecutions.

Mr Meese announced a week ago that he planned to leave the post of Attorney General by early August.

His surprise statement came a few hours after Mr James McKay, the

independent counsel, had filed a still-sealed report indicating that his 14-month-long investigation had found no basis for bringing any criminal charges against the Attorney General.

Nevertheless, the Justice Department's internal ethics unit may decide to review whether Mr Meese has violated federal rules.

Mr Thornburgh was named US Attorney for Pittsburgh in 1969 and gained a reputation as an outspoken and aggressive prosecutor who went after organized crime figures, narcotics dealers, environmental pollu-

ters and corrupt public officials. In 1975, when the Justice Department was still smarting under criticism over its handling of the Watergate investigation, President Ford chose him as Assistant Attorney General in charge of the Justice Department's criminal division.

Mr Thornburgh then created the public integrity section, which prosecutes cases against corrupt officials.

He left the department in late 1977 and was elected Governor of Pennsylvania. During his two terms he pushed through legislation requiring mandatory minimum

sentencing for previously convicted violent offenders.

Mr Thornburgh also imposed a strict code of conduct for state employees and signed the first death warrants in the state in 20 years. He won praise for his handling of the 1979 accident at the Three Mile Island nuclear plant, near Harrisburg, which was the nation's worst commercial nuclear disaster.

Married with four children, Mr Thornburgh has been serving as the director of the Institute of Politics at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government.

Who & Who wins most awards?

Creative Awards League Table

	TOTAL POINTS 1983-1987
1 Saatchi & Saatchi	1217
2 Boase Massimi Pollitt	810
3 Collett Dickenson Pearce	725
4 Abbott Mead Vickers SMS	614
5 Lowe Howard-Spink	525
6 Gold Greenlees Trott	397
7 Bartle Bogle Hegarty	394
8 J. Walter Thompson	292
9 Leagas Delaney	285
10 WCRS Mathews Marcantonio	264

"Saatchi & Saatchi's position as Britain's top creative agency has strengthened remarkably over the past year. Once again it heads Campaign's league table of the top 30 award-winning agencies, but this time it is by a much greater margin. Last year Saatchi's points score put it 29 per cent ahead of its nearest rival. This year the difference is 50 per cent. It is hard to see how any agency could close such a gap for several years."

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Who & Who wins most new clients?

New Business Gains 1988

	NET NEW BUSINESS GAINED (£m's)
1 Saatchi & Saatchi	81.6
2 Young & Rubicam	28.6
3 KHB	27.4
4 J. Walter Thompson	20.5
5 Abbott Mead Vickers SMS	17.0
6- Ayer Barker	16.5
6- Collett Dickenson Pearce	16.5
8 Allen Brady & Maish	16.0
9 D'Arcy Masius Benton & Bowles	14.5
10 Goy	13.5

"An outstanding year, even by the firm captain's usual standards. Even for an agency of Saatchi & Saatchi's size, winning £60 million in new billings is no mean feat. Among the most notable new accounts was ICI's £20 million worldwide corporate advertising, which it won in a battle of the giants with J. Walter Thompson. Further coups were \$18 million-worth of pan-European business from Gillette and the £9 million launch of Abbey National's financial services."

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Managua braced for retaliation after expelling US envoys

Ortega gives America 'lesson in respect'

From David Gollob, Managua

Nicaragua is prepared to confront "any escalation" of US action in retaliation for the expulsion of the US Ambassador to Managua and seven other US diplomats, President Ortega was quoted yesterday as saying.

The Government's expulsion of the ambassador, Mr Richard Melton, was "to teach the United States to respect this country and its people," Señor Ortega told the official Sandinista newspaper, *Barriada*. It ran the banner headline: "Lesson in Dignity: Sovereignty must be respected."

Mr Melton was summoned to the Nicaraguan Foreign Ministry on Monday evening and given 72 hours to leave the country. He declined to comment.

"Mr Melton said this was a strong response," Father Miguel d'Escoto, the Foreign Minister, told reporters. "And I told him that this was not in any way as strong as the policy of systematic murder of our people."

The Government also imposed a 15-day publication ban on the opposition newspaper *La Prensa*. According to a communiqué from the Interior Ministry, this was in punishment for the paper's "continuing disinformation campaign... threatening internal security and national defence, slandering government leaders, inciting violence and civil disobedience."

The Roman Catholic Church radio station, Radio

Católica, was punished with an indefinite shutdown for "broadcasting false news". Both *La Prensa* and Radio Católica had reported extensively on Sunday's violent demonstration in the provincial town of Nandaime, blaming the Sandinista police for provoking the incident, in which 10 policemen were injured by a stone-throwing crowd.

The Nandaime demonstration was also among the

reasons given for the expulsion of the US diplomats, who Father d'Escoto accused of "openly and shamelessly fomenting... illegal activities by extreme right-wing provocateurs." The state media have accused the US Embassy of organizing and paying for the demonstration.

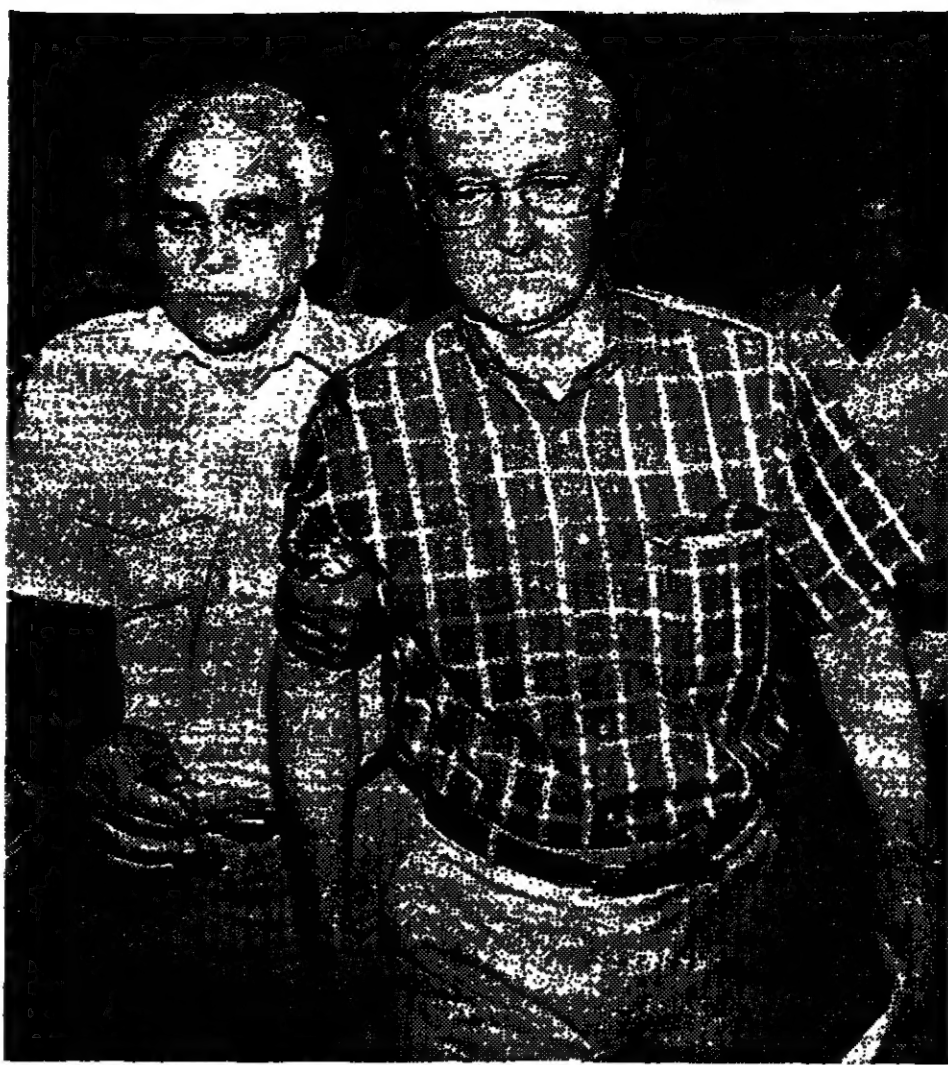
The expulsion and the media closures are the culmination of several weeks of government denunciations of the so-called "Melton Plan" to "destabilize" Nicaragua. According to "revelations"

published in the official media, the US ambassador had co-ordinated efforts by opposition political groups and media to create a climate of anarchy that would justify calls for the Government's replacement by "a government of national salvation".

A Western European diplomat, who confessed he was "baffled" by the Government's actions, said: "They may have a genuine paranoia about the risk of inciting social breakdown. But this will gain nobody's sympathy. The Americans are likely to respond by reducing the size of the Nicaraguan Embassy in Washington. This will damage the Nicaraguans' lobbying efforts in Congress. I cannot see how it will do them any good. And it's also strange that they should suddenly snap just when the Reagan Administration has put Nicaragua on the back burner."

Two prominent opposition politicians were among the 42 demonstrators arrested at Nandaime on Sunday. A third, Señora Rita Miriam Argüello, was taken into custody early on Monday and charged with inciting "subversion".

Contacts between the US Embassy and opposition groups have long been tolerated, and there has been no particular increase recently, Western diplomatic observers said. However, the Government has become alarmed by a US congressional decision to subsidize opposition activity.



Mr Richard Melton, the US Ambassador, right, leaving the Nicaraguan Foreign Ministry with Mr Leon Fiallo, director of the US Information Service, after learning of his expulsion.

Special court to look at Mexico electoral frauds

From Alan Robinson, Mexico City

The Mexican Government has announced that, for the first time in the country's history, disputed election results are to be examined by a special court.

The Federal Election Commission finally resumed its session on Tuesday night and the administration revealed its plans to establish a tribunal which will have the power to set aside dubious returns. Opposition parties have until August 14 to present evidence.

Señor Jorge de la Vega Domínguez, president of the ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party (PRI) claimed that its candidate, Señor Carlos Salinas de Gortari, had won the presidency by a 2-1 majority over his nearest rival. He said that he based his assertion on the results issued by the commission.

Señor Chautémor Cárdenas, leader of the National Democratic Front, disputed the claim and said that the count conducted by the five parties which support him showed he was in the lead. He added that the front would attempt every legal means to overturn the PRI victory.

Señor Manuel Clouthier, the head of the National Action Party, announced that he would tour the country to denounce hundreds of cases of electoral fraud. The opposition leaders are understood to be thrashing out a common strategy.

The flow of election results again slowed to a trickle on Tuesday night. The commission - dominated by the ruling party - said that Señor Salinas had won 52.89 per cent of the vote in the presidential election so far, compared with 29.1 per cent for Señor Cárdenas and 16.78 per cent for Señor Clouthier.

It said that results for elections of deputies from 283 districts out of a total of 300 showed the PRI winning 242, the Action Party 31 and the Democratic Front 10.

A television programme in which each of the presidential candidates was to speak for seven minutes was cancelled without explanation. But for the first time since the elec-

tion, the private TV monopoly Televisa has lifted its virtual ban on the opposition, showing a few minutes of their press conferences. The government channel, Inevision, is devoted to PRI propaganda.

When Televisa interviewed Señor Clouthier during the voting, there was a large photograph of Mussolini in the background.

It sent a team to the house of Señor Cárdenas and let the cameras dwell on pictures of Dr Fidel Castro and Nikita Khrushchev and the commentator claimed the candidate admired them. Similar treatment was meted out to Señor Rosario Ibarra de Piedra, the candidate of the Mexican Workers' Party.

Pamphlets were handed out in Mexico City and elsewhere labelling Señor Cárdenas as a communist and telling electors that in communist countries children were not permitted to believe in God and were made to carry arms rather than books.

According to recent calculations by the magazine *Proceso*, the PRI has paid out 15 billion pesos (almost \$4 million) to reporters to get them to write the way it wanted.

Statements by PRI leaders went as far as to admit that the party had committed fraud in previous elections. Señor Manuel Camacho Solís, the Secretary for Urban Development and Ecology and a close friend of Señor Salinas - who is expected to feature prominently in his government - said that "for the first time in history, the PRI will recognize all its losses".

The head of the powerful employers' confederation, Señor José María Bassagón, forecast a flight of capital from Mexico if the PRI were not the outright winner. The Private Sector Co-ordinating Council has revealed that the equivalent of more than \$800 million (\$470 million) has been converted to US currency and taken out of the country.

On fact could not be disguised. Señor Salinas lost heavily at his local voting station, with Señor Cárdenas winning 375-190.

Aids fear blocks sex law reform in Hong Kong

From Thomson Prentice Hong Kong

Moves in Hong Kong to liberalize the severe laws on homosexuality are being resisted because of fears that the changes will lead to the spread of Aids.

Under existing laws, men can be sentenced to terms of up to life imprisonment for taking part in homosexual acts here. The Hong Kong Government has published a consultation document to help in gauging public opinion on the issue. It offers three options: no change to the present laws; removal of criminal penalties for homosexual acts in

private between consenting adults; and reducing the penalties.

The document presents the arguments for and against any changes, and points out that homosexual behaviour is legal in most Western countries, although still against the law in India, Malaysia and Singapore and in some parts of the US.

Although a life sentence remains the maximum penalty, in practice few cases are prosecuted and no one has been sent to jail in recent years. Instead, suspended sentences of three or six months and fines of up to \$40 have been the norm.

"Most of the acts which take place

in private never come to light. It would require enormous police resources and a complete disregard for an individual's right of privacy before the law could be enforced," the document states.

It points out that homosexuals in Hong Kong live in fear of prosecution and blackmail. "Unless public attitudes change, homosexuals will continue to be particularly vulnerable to blackmail because of the social stigma that can result from any public revelation of their behaviour," it says.

However, the threat of Aids may prevent liberalization of the laws.

Hong Kong has had only 13 cases of the disease so far with another 120 people known to be infected. Most of the victims are homosexual men.

"Hong Kong is at a crossroads for international travel, and this provides ample opportunity for the introduction and spread of the Human Immuno-deficiency Virus (HIV)," the document states.

One view is that changing the law will encourage homosexual behaviour and facilitate the spread of Aids. Others argue that a change will encourage homosexuals to come forward for screening.

Government officials said yes-

terday there may be strong resistance to change because of anxiety about Aids and the traditional attitudes against homosexuality held by many Chinese, who make up 98 per cent of the population.

"However, more liberal attitudes are beginning to gain weight here and we may be moving towards a climate for change," Mr Bart Ireland, a senior civil servant who helped to draft the document, said. Comments from the public are being invited until the end of September, when the Government will decide which course of action, if any, it should adopt.

Problems over trade competition and money matters as EEC plots its course for 1992

Brussels sets tough guidelines on access to foreign markets

By Michael Dynes

Mr Willy de Clercq, the European Commissioner for External Relations, yesterday tried to calm international concerns that, with the approach of 1992, the EEC is erecting a "Fortress Europe," designed to limit the benefits of the internal market to European companies.

Mr de Clercq insisted during a speech in London that "The Community is determined to maintain a liberal and open trading system." The EEC was already the world's biggest trading partner, he added. "Our exports of manufactured goods represent 26 per cent of those of the OECD countries, compared with 14 per cent for the US and 17 per cent for Japan. As a result, we have a vital interest in the maintenance of a world-wide liberal trading system."

But the commissioner warned the EEC's trading partners that he saw "no reason why the benefits of our internal liberalization should

be extended unilaterally to third countries."

The EEC intended to abide by the international rules governing trade in manufactured goods, but where international obligations did not exist, such as in services, the EEC would demand reciprocal access to third country markets, the commissioner said.

The EEC's determination to demand reciprocal access to world markets was designed "to give us the negotiating leverage to obtain a world-wide liberalization of markets," he said.

As a result, US or Japanese banks, for example, which were already established in some EEC countries, would be prohibited from expanding in the Community unless EEC banks were given the right of setting up in the US or Japanese markets.

Mr de Clercq said foreign financial institutions not already established in the EEC would have to meet the same

criterion - a move which could make the City even more nervous about its long-term future as Europe's leading financial centre.

Mr de Clercq rejected the allegations of some EEC businessmen and politicians that completing the internal market will disproportionately benefit foreign companies already established in the EEC.

"These fears are also groundless. The completion of the single market is about the removal of economic barriers between the member states. It will reduce costs and provide a wider market base for everyone manufacturing or trading within Europe," he said.

"But at the same time it will create a tougher competitive environment. There is no *a priori* reason to suppose that the subsidiaries of American, or indeed Japanese, companies operating in the Community will do better or worse than European-owned

companies. That will depend on the calibre of the management and the ability and flexibility of the workforce. Those people in Europe who express fears on this point are doubting the ability of our own management. That is not a view that I share," the commissioner said.

● LUXEMBOURG: A court case brought by the European Parliament against EEC ministers for failing to set a 1988 budget on schedule was dropped yesterday, ending one of the longest-running battles over Community spending (Reuters reports).

The Strasbourg-based Parliament launched the action last year after the ministers failed to set a budget by a traditional October deadline. But the European Court of Justice, based in Luxembourg, decided not to pass judgement on the case, on the grounds that it had become irrelevant once the budget had been agreed.

Fistful of Ecus fails to sell Europe to cynical Britons

By Michael Dynes

"No, I'm sorry, mate. We don't take European Currency Units. They just won't accept them back at the garage," the driver of a number 33 bus on its way to Oxford Circus said.

The EEC - thought it might be something like that. How much is one worth, anyway? Oh, 67p. Nice round number. What bright spark thought that one up, then?

He was not alone. Incomprehension, hostility and a dash of sardonic humour characterized many responses given by Londoners after being offered a five Euro coin - legal tender only in Belgium - and asked what they thought about the idea of a single European currency.

The Soviet Union may be confident that a European central bank and a common currency is inevitable after 1992, but most Britons seem to reject outright the idea that the Ecu could be the precursor of a European currency.

"No, we can't accept them," said a supervisor at the Catford Homebase DIY store. "We just haven't got the facilities. We'd have to change all the tills and train the staff how to use them. It's just not worth our while. You might try Harrods, they'll probably take them."

The Ecu may have begun life as a humble unit of account, designed to give member states a common measure of value for drawing up the Community budget, but it is now used increasingly as money within the EEC by Community institutions, banks, companies and even individuals.

Many European business executives believe that nation-

al currencies will be unable to meet the needs of cross-frontier trade in the European internal market of the 1990s.

At the recent summit meeting in Hanover, EEC heads of state agreed to set up a high-level study group led by M Jacques Delors, the President of the European Commission, to examine the potential for increasing European monetary co-operation - including moves towards the creation of a single European currency and a European central bank.

The idea seems to fill most Britons with horror. "Just look at the size of it. They can't expect us to walk around with those things in our pockets. You would wear out half-a-dozen pairs of trousers every year," a policeman in Trafalgar Square said.

"There will be a lot of opposition to this. People are already getting angry about Brussels having a say in what goes on over here. I suppose it might be useful if you did a lot of travelling. But frankly I would rather struggle to work out how much the pound was worth than use that. It's horrible," he said.

However, the Bank of England was forced, somewhat reluctantly, to acknowledge how far the Ecu had gone down the road towards becoming a common currency. "It's already a unit of account, a means of payment and a store of value. All that is missing is a universally acceptable unit of exchange, and a central bank to issue it," it said.

Even optimists concede that a European currency is still 20 or 30 years away, but reporters covering events in Hanover lost no time speculating on

what the new currency might be called, should the process of economic and monetary integration ever get that far. The most obvious choice was the "Delors". But as a forerunner of national rivalries to come, they were soon joking about the possibility of gracing the European currency with the heads of their own national leaders. "Have you got change of a Kohl? No, but I can give you 15 Mitterrands for a Thatcher."

Londoners were somewhat more cynical. "I suppose this was inevitable since we joined the Common Market. But we're so dominated by America it wouldn't be a European currency, would it? I think they should be honest about this, put President Reagan's head on it and call it the European dollar," an assistant at the bookshop, Collier's, said.

Others were clearly distraught at the prospect of a Euro-currency. "I don't like the idea. Maybe the younger people will get on with it. But I'm very British. It just wouldn't seem like England if we had a European currency. Why can't they all change over to our money?" a woman selling newspapers outside the Tottenham Court Road Underground station said.

Not everyone thought a common currency would be the end of civilization as we know it.

"I think it's a great idea. A lot of foreigners have problems with British money. An EEC currency would solve all that, especially now we are all supposed to be European. It would give us a real link with each other," the manager of a leading London confectionery shop said.

136 die as monsoon floods hit villages

Susamganj, Bangladesh - Fresh floods, triggered by mountain torrents and a monsoon downpour, have battered 12 districts bordering the Indian state of Assam killing 136 people, according to relief agencies and local authorities (Ahmed Fazi writes).

Troops have been called in to the worst-hit Habiganj and Netrakona districts, where mudslides buried alive more than 20 people. In the past week more than two million people have been displaced. One estimate said about 5,000 square miles were affected.

Ochoas win

Bogotá (Reuters) - Colombia's Supreme Court has dropped murder charges against the three Ochoa brothers, reputed leaders of the Medellín drug cartel, who were accused of ordering the assassination of the Justice Minister.

Cash crocs

Darwin (Reuters) - Crocodile-skin shoes and handbags will soon be back on the market for the first time in 15 years after ministers decided that the creature was no longer threatened with extinction.

Texan deaths

San Antonio (Reuters) - Flooding in parts of drought-parched Texas has killed five people after heavy rain swept north from Mexico.

Drug sentence

Kuala Lumpur (AFP) - The Penang High Court sentenced Tan Chye Joo, aged 53, to death for trafficking in 16.8lb of raw opium, but cleared his wife from a similar charge.

Tibetans freed

Peking (AFP) - China said it had freed 52 Tibetan monks detained during independence protests in Lhasa in March.

Revelation

Johannesburg (AFP) - Police in the northern town of Brits blew up a briefcase which they removed from a car parked in front of a jail, only to discover it belonged to a minister and contained his bible.

Correction

A Special Report on the Italian economy on June 29 incorrectly attributed to Claudio Martelli, Governor of the Bank of Italy, the statement that bribes of an estimated 12,000 billion lire a year were essential in order for bureaucratic approval. The statement should have been attributed to Censis, an official statistical institute.

Kinnock brands South Africans 'well-armed cowards'

From Philip Webster Gaborone

Mr Neil Kinnock yesterday called the South Africans a "well-armed bunch of cowards" when he visited the house in Gaborone, Botswana, where South African commandos shot dead four people during an attack in March.

The Labour leader told relatives of the three women killed in the raid, on the outskirts of the capital, that the South Africans were "dealers in fear" and had behaved like animals in killing innocent people.

The attack took place on March 28 after South African troops crossed the border in helicopters. The women and a male South

African refugee were said to have been shot in their beds. Grenades were then thrown into the house and it was set alight with petrol. The South Africans have said that the house was an African National Congress base.

A grim-faced Mr Kinnock toured the charred remains of the house. The relatives of the dead women were there to meet him.

After giving them his sympathy, Mr Kinnock said that South Africa's intention in conducting such raids was to leave everybody in a state of fear. It was a purposeless, senseless form of action that made innocent people victims. He said: "South Africa is a big, strong country. Why it should want to

inflict such terrible murder on innocent people is beyond any reason or understanding."

Clearly outraged by what he had seen, Mr Kinnock said the South Africans were lying when they constantly claimed that whenever they crossed the border to kill innocent people they had in fact been killing ANC fighters or people with an ANC connection. Everybody involved here knew that there was no connection whatever. The South Africans were therefore "murderous incompetents".

"They are so stupid, clumsy and murderous that they don't do what they say. We are up against a bunch of well-armed cowards. That must be the kind of mentality of

people who come in the middle of the night to a peaceful area and pick on houses where there are innocent people, people with no connection with the resistance movement, no political involvement."

"We are dealing with very odd people. These are dealers in fear. They are trying to run their own country through a regime of fear; now they want to impose that on their peaceful neighbours. That is the way of the bully."

Mr Kinnock later visited Police Constable Mphumelo Mhlanga, aged 30, in the Princess Marina Hospital in Gaborone. The constable was hit by 10 bullets when South African commandos fired at

a police patrol last month. The Botswana authorities say they are holding two South African commandos suspected of being involved in the raid.

Mr Kinnock chatted quietly with the policeman, who described the attack on his patrol, which he said was not armed. Mr Kinnock told him that he had been lucky to survive. He joked to him: "If you can think of a name of a horse you just give it to me."

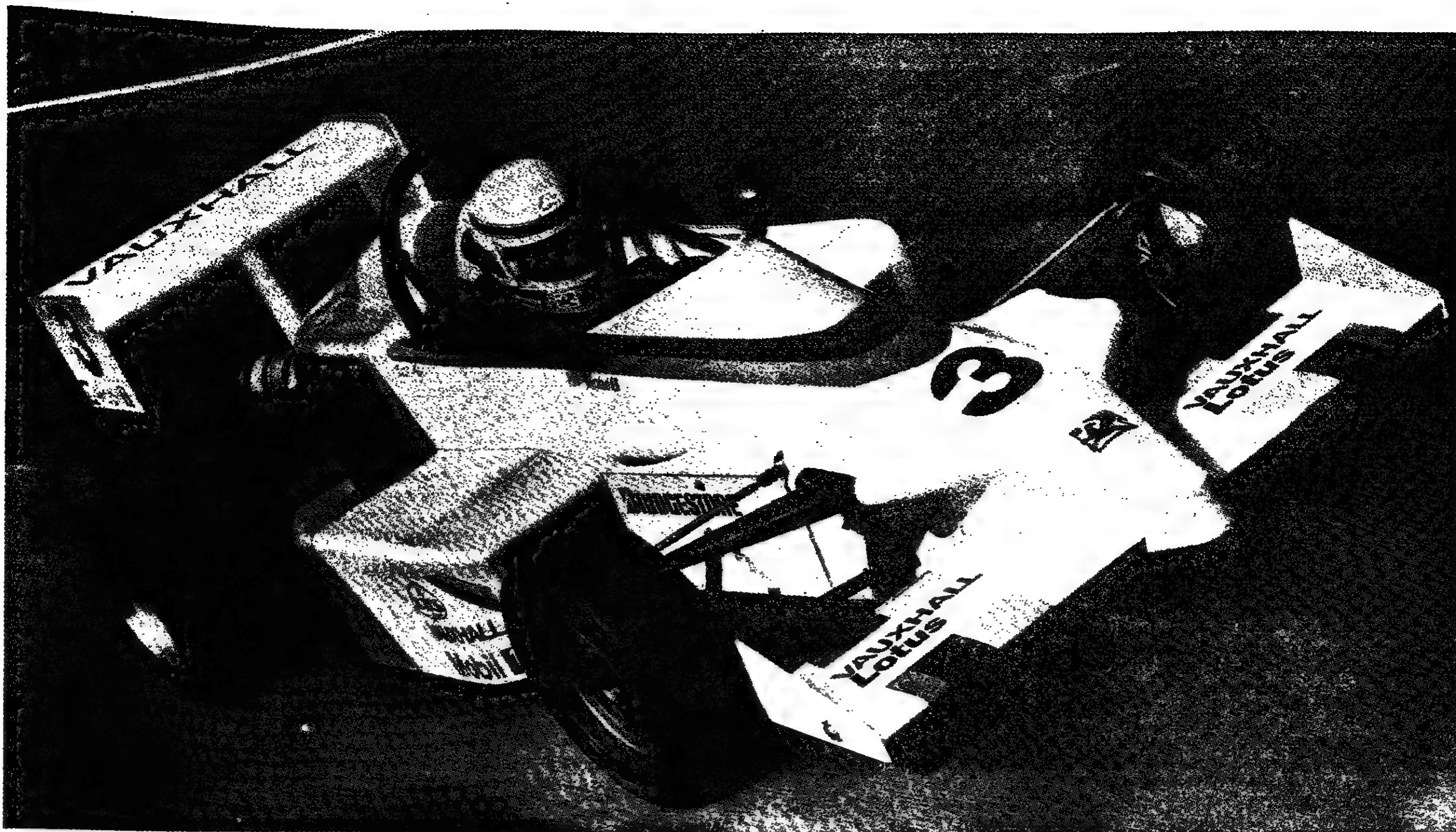
● WINDHOEK: The South-West African People's Organisation has moved its guerrilla headquarters in Angola southwards towards the Namibian border, the Namibian defence forces said yesterday (Reuters reports). Swaps is fighting a

cross-border campaign from Angola to end South African rule in Namibia.

A statement from the South-West Africa Territory Force said Swaps had used the southward advance of Cuban forces in Angola since May to bring its military headquarters forward under the protection of Angolan Government forces and their Cuban allies.

It said security forces had shot dead four Swaps members in the past week, bringing Swaps's fatalities this year to 242. One Territory Force member, Corporal Moses Kavets, had died in action.

South African forces are in Angola fighting Swaps and backing the pro-Western UNITA rebels.



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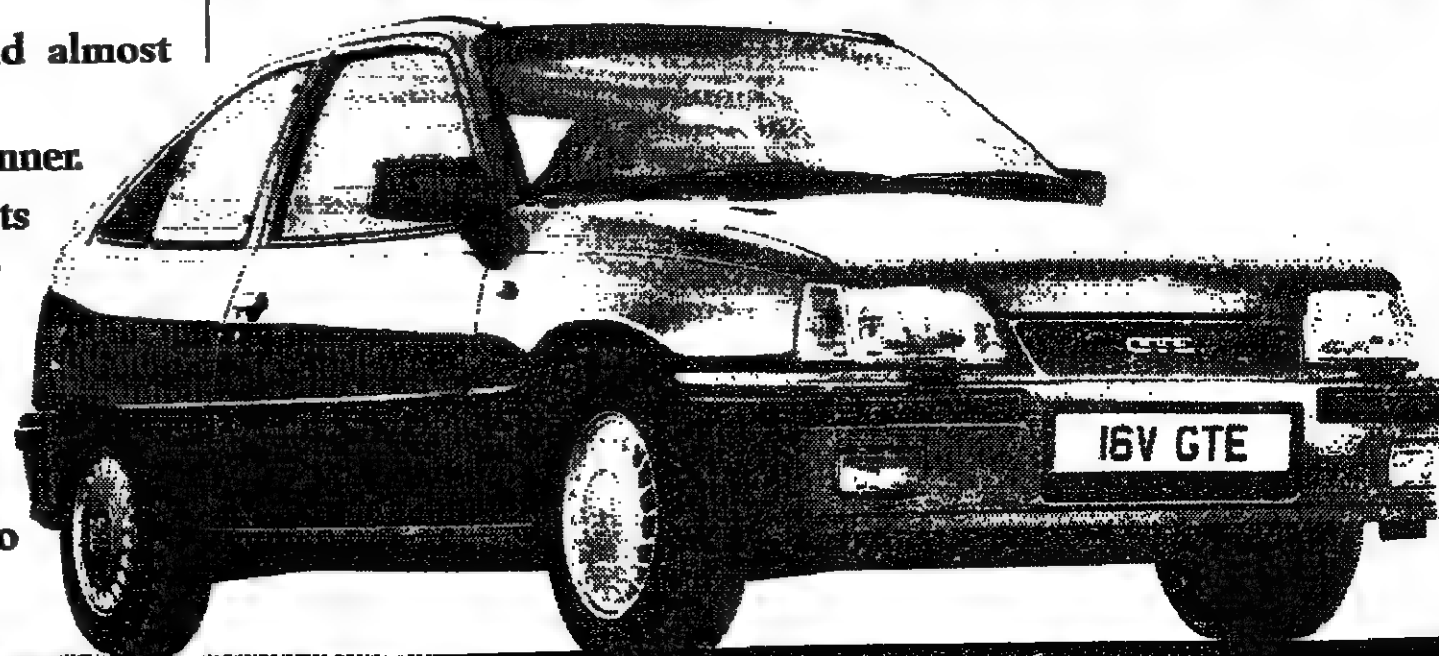
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Inquiry into child abuse is likely to cost £1.5m

Government costs in the Cleveland child abuse inquiry were likely to be about £1.5 million, Mr Tony Newton, Minister for Health, told the Commons during question time.

He said that the figure included payments of about £300,000 each to Cleveland County Council and to the Northern Regional Health Authority as a contribution towards their costs.

Miss Hilary Armstrong (Durham North West, Lab) said that the sums involved demonstrated that good quality work was not cheap and that meeting the demands of the inquiry and the report would not be cheap.

Many of the authorities were concerned that they were not able to put the resources into protecting children that were needed.

The Opposition looked forward to a statement from the Government that it would adequately fund local authorities to ensure that every child on the child-abuse register was properly supervised.

There was a need to know that the proper resources were being put in to meet this frightening problem.

Mr Newton said that he had already indicated that the Government would be putting additional targeted resources towards training, which was an essential prerequisite.

The question she had put distracted attention from the facts. The crisis had caused pressure on resources in Cleveland, but it did not follow that it had been a lack of resources that created the crisis.

Mr Richard Holt (Langborough, C) said that reference should be made to the South

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Cleveland crisis: it had nothing to do with the north of the area. It had arisen only because two stupid doctors had used a discredited system to try to enhance their own empires.

There was no reason why the Government should put any extra funding into the region.

The crisis had come about as a result of bad direction by the doctors and bad management by those charged with the responsibility of looking after children.

Mr Newton said that he had noted those remarks and they would not be taken into account by the authorities in Cleveland when considering their response to the report.

Miss Joan Lester (Eccles, Lab) said that there was disappointment that the three-year training programme for social workers was not going to be implemented.

What steps were being taken to include teachers in the training courses? It became clear in looking at the report and the whole field of child abuse generally that there was a great deal to be gained from training teachers to identify those children who were suffering and at risk.

Mr Newton said that he had announced last week that he was directing to social workers. The Secretary of State for Education and Science (Mr Kenneth Baker) had issued a circular to the education service. There were training needs elsewhere, which he would discuss with other departments.

Mr Michael Lord (Central Suffolk, C) said that recent tragic events in his area had highlighted the fact that some small, private, children's homes still did not need to be registered, nor had to be inspected regularly.

As everyone was gravely concerned for the welfare of children, particularly those who were vulnerable and in care, would the minister look at this with the greatest urgency with a view to bringing forward the necessary legislation as quickly as possible?

Mr Newton said that he would consider the matter with a view to seeing what was the most appropriate action.

Mr Tom Clarke, an Opposition spokesman on health and social security, said that if it had not been resources that caused problems in terms of training, what was it?

Why had the minister not accepted the recommendation of the Council for Education and Training of Social Workers, which had suggested £40 million funding? Was there not a difference between that and the £7 million the Government had announced?

Why should the United Kingdom be the only country in Europe with a two-year training programme instead of one of three years?

Mr Newton said that he had explained on a number of occasions that in view of what he regarded as the important need to improve the training, among other things, of existing social workers in this field, he did not regard the proposals of CETS as the best way to spend that amount of money.

The Government was seeking to make improvements for existing social workers and the training of future social workers and the right course was a balanced package of that kind.

Poll tax dispute over flea cash

PRIME MINISTER

The Prime Minister was involved in a sharp clash with Mr Roy Hattersley, Labour's deputy leader, during question-time exchanges about the community charge in Kensington, west London, where the by-election vote is on Thursday.

The dispute was over comparisons between rates and the new community charge.

Mr Hattersley, on June 23, Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for the Environment, gave the House statistics which purported to compare the burden of the poll tax with the rates. Were those figures correct?

Mrs Thatcher: I would stand by what the Secretary of State said. I do not recall that particular thing and I am sure he would be surprised if I did.

Mr Hattersley: If she genuinely stands by what he says, why has she endorsed the candidate in Kensington, who is denying those figures and says the burden will be one third of what the Secretary of State announced? And why are ministers endorsing his fabrication every morning?

Mrs Thatcher: As I understand it, it has been said that the community charge would be... could be £122 after the flea overspend, Labour's flea overspend, of £218 has been eliminated and after the money paid under the safety net has been eliminated. Those are two major figures.

I am sure he would not wish the safety net to be abolished. It would hit very many Labour authorities very hard indeed, but it means some areas of some Tory councils have to pay higher rates while it obtains. I am sure he would not wish to be proud of the £218 flea overspend.

Mr Hattersley: I think the Prime Minister is not wholly in command of her subject (laughter and Labour cheers).



Mr Hattersley, who was asked by Mrs Thatcher if he wanted cash safety nets taken away

Did she realize that to give that spurious justification she had to be announcing that she proposed a massive cut in education spending throughout inner London? If her purpose had been to cut spending on London education to the bone, why had she not had the guts to

tell the House at the time? Mrs Thatcher said that if Mr Hattersley was in command of his subject he would realize that she had given two very precise answers.

The forecast of £122 community charge would be when there was no flea overspend of £218 - which is laid at the feet of a socialist authority which has the

highest spending and some of the worst education in the country - and after the safety nets had been withdrawn.

The safety nets had been deliberately put on many Conservative authorities over four years in order to help many Labour authorities. Did he want that eliminated?

Tribute paid to brave pupils

The Worthing schoolgirls on the Greek passenger boat attacked by terrorists were a credit to their school, their families, themselves and to Britain, Mrs Thatcher said at question time. "I gladly pay tribute to them."

She was responding to Mr Terence Higgins (Worthing, C), who asked the Prime Minister to condemn the appalling attack and, while expressing sympathy for the victims, to pay tribute to the schoolgirls from St. Convent School "who not only reacted bravely but administered first aid".

Mrs Thatcher said that the attack had been an appalling act of terrorism against those who were on holiday. All acts of terrorism were appalling but this had been particularly so.

Sharpeville Six plea

Carrying out the sentences on the Sharpeville Six would hinder the dialogue between South Africa and all freedom-loving and justice-loving countries, Mr Robert Maclean, joint leader of the SLD, said during Prime Minister's question time.

He said that the stay of execution on the Six was running out.

Mrs Thatcher: Representations have already been made.

Mr David Wisniewski (Walsall North, Lab): By whom?

Mrs Thatcher: By me, through the usual channels, and the best channels for clemency for the Sharpeville Six.

Should the death sentences be confirmed, those representations will be made again, and not only by me, but reinforced by the 100,000 members of seven and the Community of Twelve.

Treasury's VAT ruling

The Treasury has rejected the suggestion that the Meat and Livestock Commission and Apple and Pear Development Corporation should be allowed to reclaim VAT on non-business expenditure on the ground that neither body is an appropriate one for that treatment.

Mr Peter Lilley, Economic Secretary to the Treasury, said in written replies that he had agreed to meet representatives of both bodies to discuss the impact of the recent court ruling about reclaiming VAT on non-business expenditure.

Footpaths contracts

An experimental scheme under which farmers would maintain footpaths and bridleways under contract to the highways authority has been discussed by officials of the Ministry of Agriculture and the Countryside Commission, Mr John Gummer, Minister of State for Agriculture, said in a written reply. He would fully support the aims of such a scheme.

New peer

Lord Alexander of Weedon, formerly Robert Alexander, QC, chairman of the Take-overs and Mergers Panel, took his seat on the Conservative benches in the Lords. At his introduction he was supported by Lord Coleridge and Lord Roskill.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Questions: Trade and Industry. Finance (No 2) Bill, progress on remaining stages. Motion on short speeches. Lords (2.30): British Steel Bill and Local Government Finance Bill, third readings.

Children must be priority

Dealing with children who were in danger of physical and sexual abuse should be high on the list of priorities of any social worker, the Prime Minister told angry Labour MPs during question time.

Mr John Fraser (Norwood, Lab) had asked whether she knew that in London many hundreds of children, including more than 100 in his own borough of Lambeth, were recognized as in danger of physical and sexual abuse. "Because of staff shortages, no social worker can be allocated."

Mrs Thatcher: I would have thought that that came high on the list of priorities of any social worker; that any children who are vulnerable would be one of the first duties for social workers.

Labour MP: There aren't any. Mrs Thatcher: If he has particular cases, he should let the NSPCC know.

Angry Scots MPs fail to get Ravenscraig debate

Angry Scottish Labour MPs failed to secure an emergency debate on a Government statement on the future of the Ravenscraig steelworks after the Prime Minister, during question time, had in their view appeared to confirm a suggestion that the hot strip mill there might close next year.

The subject was raised during Prime Minister's questions by Mr Gavin Strang (Edinburgh East, Lab).

He said that there was anger in Scotland at the remark by Sir Robert Scholey, the chairman of the British Steel Corporation, that the Ravenscraig strip mill would probably close next year.

"It is crucial to steel-making at Ravenscraig and Ravenscraig is fundamental to Scotland's future as an industrial nation."

"Any move to close it will be met by a campaign of popular resistance, the like of which has not been known before (Labour

cheers and Conservative interjections).

"Will she take this opportunity to congratulate the workforce on achieving levels of productivity which are the highest of the five United Kingdom integrated plants and probably the highest in Europe?"

"Will she affirm the Government's commitment to steel-making at Ravenscraig?"

Mrs Thatcher: I read carefully the statement made on December 3, 1987, on BSC privatization and the future of steel-making at Ravenscraig.

The House will be familiar with the statement by Mr Kenneth Clarke, Minister of Trade and Industry, which made clear that there would continue to be a commercial requirement for steel-making there for at least seven years.

He was tackled at once about the hot strip mill. He said:

"There is a problem with hot strip mills, as I frankly disclosed in my statement."

"There is surplus capacity in the United Kingdom. However,



The Speaker: I am unable to hear an application

the commercial judgement of the corporation is that it can continue to operate all four strip mills, at least until 1989."

It was known at the beginning that there was surplus hot strip mill capacity in the corporation. Later, Labour MPs, mostly from Scottish constituencies, sought an emergency debate or raised points of order to try to clarify the situation.

Mr John Reid (Motherwell North, Lab), on a point of order, said that a few days ago the BSC chairman made a statement that he had advised the Government on the probability of the closure of the hot strip mill.

The answer given by the Prime Minister suggested that the House had been misled.

The Speaker (Mr Bernard Weatherill): That is not a matter of order for me.

Mr Dennis Skinner (Bolsover, Lab) said that a Govern-

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ment statement should be made to make the situation at Ravenscraig clear.

Mr Harry Ewing (Falkirk East, Lab) failed in an application to get an emergency debate on the matter.

The Speaker told him that he had listened carefully to the answer given by the Prime Minister and understood that she had been reading out something that had been stated previously.

He could not hear an application for an emergency debate.

Mr Gavin Strang (Edinburgh East, Lab) said that the point which must be grasped was that the statement which the Prime Minister had read out gave the impression that the remark by the chairman of BSC was not, as

had been widely reported, "some sort of gaffe".

Now that that statement had been given credence, there should be a statement by the Minister of Trade and Industry (Mr Kenneth Clarke) to clear up the matter.

The Leader of the House (Mr John Wakeham) should be asked to call Mr Clarke to the chamber.

The Speaker said that he appreciated the importance of the matter for the representatives of the Ravenscraig constituency. But he could not be of any help.

He was sure that the Government Front Bench had heard what had been said and would have noted it.

Dr Reid then tried to secure an emergency debate on the matter but the Speaker said he could not hear such an application.

Opposition debate on London

Tax spur 'for Rachmanism'

The Government's proposals in the Housing Bill and in the Finance Bill would not just conjure Rachmanism from the grave, but would give it a tax incentive to go out and haunt

Mr Frank Dobson, an Opposition spokesman, said when he opened a debate on London.

He moved a motion condemning the growing division between rich and poor in the capital and calling for new policies to secure for all Londoners benefits enjoyed by the privileged few.

He said that, on the one hand, there were affluent and arrogant people, revelling in a display of wealth both tasteless and joyless, and, on the other, people who were degraded and demoralized, with no jobs, no home and no help. That was a direct product of Government action and inaction.

About half the 15,000 families officially homeless lived in bed-and-breakfast accommodation.

A recent report by the British Medical Association had said that, even if that accommodation was in good order, it was rarely appropriate to the needs of young children. Normal child development was impaired by lack of space and there was a high rate of accidents.

"This is not a report on the Third World. The people described are citizens living today within two or three miles of this House. We ought to be ashamed of ourselves."

The Government was making things worse. The only character in the Good Samaritan parable that it resembled were the thieves who mugged the poor traveller in the first place.

The highest council rents in London were in Kensington and

Chelsea. The average council rent there was £33 a week. That was nothing on the private sector, where rents of £300 a week were sought for three-bedroom flats.

Most people on average incomes were being priced out of the house-buying market. How many nurses, bus drivers and teachers could afford the prices?

Mr Kenneth Clarke, minister responsible for the inner cities, had said that it was businessmen in the past who had made cities great and that that could be done again.

Had this golden vision of civic leadership inspired the Brinks-Mat bullion thieves to invest their loot in Docklands? Surely ministers did not expect these rich thieves to have taken courses in urban design before putting their money into Clydes Wharf.

Forces 'may lose credibility'

Lord Bramall (Ind), former Chief of the Defence Staff, said that the defence forces are in danger of losing credibility through the Government's "salami-slicing" of resources.

The further erosion of the defence budget, with the Government's failure to fund the armed forces' pay award in full, produced a disturbing situation, he said during a debate on the defence estimates in the Lords.

Other peers criticized the Government's grudging welcome to the new policies of glasnost and perestroika emerging in the Soviet Union.

Lord Bramall predicted that the defence cuts would lead either to a review of defence capabilities and commitments, which the Government was reluctant to undertake, or to even more damaging salami-slicing, slipping and fudging, until the moment when Britain's defence lost credibility

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with those it had to deter and with its allies.

He said that the glossiness and salesmanship of the defence White Paper could not disguise the fact that in terms of resources and percentage of gross domestic product committed, Britain was back in the syndrome of the 1970s, which was soundly criticized by this Administration when it came to power.

Expensive programmes were in the pipeline, including Tornado, Trident, the Chieftain tank, the amphibious capability and the European fighter aircraft. Taken together they would stretch the elastic to breaking point.

The financial squeeze was now greater than ever and was bound to have a harmful effect

on training and professional standards and thus on morale and retention.

It was not so much the £19 billion plus allocated on paper. It was much more the curtailment of the Treasury, without the restraint of the discipline of a 3 per cent annual growth, keeping down public spending.

He made a plea to the Government to restore defence spending to zero growth at least.

Opening the debate, Lord Trefgarne, Minister of State for Defence Procurement, said that Mr Mikhail Gorbachev's plans for reorganization were still, like many recent Soviet proposals, only words.

"The task confronting Mr Gorbachev is vast and it will not be concluded overnight. The Soviet Union may well one day be a more comfortable neighbour with a policy which does not depend for its own security on the insecurity of others, but

we have to face the world as we find it, not as we would wish it to be."

"The light of hope for the future must not blind us to the realities for the world we inhabit now."

Under Mr Gorbachev the Soviet defence budget had not declined so much as "a single rouble".

The Government's £19.215 billion defence budget for 1988-89 was among the highest in NATO and an increase of almost one-fifth in real terms since 1978-79. The increase had been largely devoted to conventional forces.

Lord Mayhew (SLD) said that the Government was celebrating the improvement in East-West relations by "helping themselves" to a large increase in nuclear missiles.

That was a gross misjudgement of Britain's real security needs.

Howe defends EEC's new 'solid, budget foundation for 1992'

The following report of the Commons debate on the European Communities (Finance) Bill appeared in later editions yesterday.

The European Community had the solid budgetary foundation for the run-up to 1992 as a result of British insistence on a far-reaching review of Community finances. Sir Geoffrey Howe, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, said.

He was moving the second reading of the Bill. He said that it would implement two British objectives for the Community: sound finance and control over agricultural spending.

The Commission had proposed a comprehensive restructuring of the Community's finances, which held both threats and opportunities.

The opportunities included proposals for a comprehensive reform of the common agricultural policy. But there were dangers, chiefly a proposal for calculating the British abatement in a way

that would have left the UK worse off by £700 million in 1992 alone.

The Commission had also proposed an increase in its own resources to 1.4 per cent of gross national product. That increase of nearly 50 per cent was opposed by the UK. Another unwelcome proposal was a new tax on oils and fats that would have put up the price of margarine and vegetable oils by up to 31 per cent.

In the negotiations the UK laid down four points: any further increase in Community resources must be accompanied by legally binding controls on spending; effective measures must be taken to cut agricultural surpluses; there should be no oil and fat tax; the Fontainebleau abatement mechanism must be preserved in full.

No element would be agreed until every individual element was satisfactory. "We succeeded on all counts" (general laughter).

Calculating an element of member states' contributions on



Mr Shore: Howe visit to Wogan Show a discourtesy

the basis of GNP would bring the own resources structure more into line with the relative prosperity of member states, a change that the United Kingdom had consistently supported.

cision preserved the Fontainebleau abatement mechanism intact. It ensured that, even if Community expenditure was to reach the new ceiling, the UK net contribution could amount to no more than 0.25 per cent of GNP.

The abatement mechanism would last as long as the new own-resources decision itself and even thereafter could be changed only by the unanimous agreement of member states.

Effective CAP reform was at last in train. The Community's finances were at last firmly based. On this foundation, the single market could be successfully built.

Mr George Robertson, an Opposition spokesman on foreign and Commonwealth affairs, moved an Opposition amendment declining to give the Bill a second reading because it failed to provide sufficient reduction in agricultural spending or a corresponding increase for social and regional funds, for the environ-

ment or for assistance to developing countries.

He said that the Bill was bad for Parliament and for the British taxpayer. It allowed an increase in the Common Market's budget of 25 per cent.

He was sceptical as to whether the loopholes in agricultural spending controls had been eliminated.

Mr Terence Higgins (Worthing, C) said that a number of directives were being rushed through in anticipation of 1992 and it was increasingly difficult for the House to appraise what these really meant. He did not think that they were making sufficient use of the legal restraints available in controlling budgetary discipline.

Sir Russell Johnston, SLD spokesman on foreign and Commonwealth affairs, said that the Prime Minister's dismissal even of discussion on a central European bank was nothing short of ridiculous and bolstered Frankfurt's claim to house such an institution when it came about.

Mr Anthony Marlow (Northampton North, C) said that he would vote against the Bill for two reasons: money and sovereignty. The cash was important, but more important was the loss of sovereignty - drop by drop, day by day: the atrophy of a nation's soul.

"What I am worried about is that this country is slowly, but bit, ceasing to exist as an independent nation state."

There was no democratic control. Things which in the past would have taken weeks of parliamentary debate were going through on the nod. "The powers of the House are being shorn just as surely as Samson had his locks shorn. There is a cure for this near-terminal disease. It is risky, it is controversial. It is to throw out this Bill."

Mr Nigel Spearing (Newham South, Lab) referred to the Glorious Revolution of 1688 and said: Today we have a new proto-monarchy and new imperialism which is growing in Brussels. It is time this House cut off the air supply to it.

Sir Anthony Meyer (Clwyd North-West, C) said that to defeat the Bill could preserve the lattered shreds of sovereignty.

"We could become a kind of proud, independent, West European Albania."

Mr Peter Shore (Bethnal Green and Stepney, Lab) said that he understood that the Foreign Secretary was appearing on the Terry Wogan show. He could hardly believe it.

"I find it a very strange discourtesy to this House and a strange choice of priorities that a Bill seeking to tax the people and hand over the proceeds to the EEC, should leave the chamber and prefer to be summited to the presence of Mr Terry Wogan."

It was as if he believed those who said that in a few years' time this would be reduced to a mere provincial assembly.

"If the trend continues to European union, to a federal

Europe, and our democracy and Parliament are to be stripped of the powers which made us a sovereign state, that sovereignty which belongs inalienably to our people of future generations as much as to the citizens of today, there will be a tidal wave of protest and opposition and the whole bizarre, unnatural and flimsy structure of European Commission, court and assembly and the thousand and one treaties which they burgeon will be swept away."

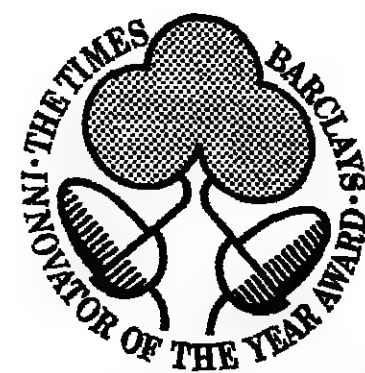
Mr Jonathan Aitken (Thanet South, C) said that the Foreign Secretary had sought to present this legislation as something very routine. But it was a significant revision of EEC treaty rules. He would vote against it.

The Opposition amendment declining the second reading was rejected by 330 votes to 184 - Government majority, 146.

The Bill was read a second time by 323 votes to 195 - Government majority, 128.

SPECTRUM

A year in the winning story of bubble squeezers



Competition is on again for *The Times*-Barclays Innovator of the Year Award. George Hill talks to some of last year's crop of entrants

There was an irony in the bubbles that suffused the champagne which flowed last year when Sylvia Barton, managing director of Hi-Tec Metals R & D Ltd, heard that her company had won the Innovator of the Year Award. For she has devoted her career to the elimination of bubbles—if not from champagne, then from high-precision metal castings with many applications in aerospace and other technologies.

"Bubbles are the enemy," she says, a diminutive red-haired figure hurrying among the machines. "You never know where they may form inside a casting as it cools, and weaken it. We have developed a system of squeezing the molten metal in the mould, to produce cast components which are guaranteed bubble-free. The results are comparable in strength to forged ones, at a great saving. We can put carbon-fibre reinforcements inside the casting, making it even stronger. We believe our work is as advanced as anything in Europe."

Hi-Tec Metals, operating from a

small plot in an industrial estate at Chandlers Ford, near Southampton, is typical of the kind of enterprise which the Innovator of the Year Award was set up to encourage. The award, sponsored jointly by *The Times* and Barclays Bank, carries a prize of £10,000 and a display stand at the annual Technart Exhibition staged at the National Exhibition Centre in November. And this year, the runner-up will receive £2,500, as well as space at the show.

"We only had a week to get our display together," Barton says. "But it was a tremendous experience. It sharpened us up and made us think seriously about publicity for the first time. It generated a lot of interest."

The company intends to be at Technart again this autumn. The award was established for concerns which have come into being in the last three years as "spin-offs" from academic, government or commercial laboratories, to exploit their technological research or expertise. Hi-Tec Metals



Winning partnership: Sylvia Barton and her husband, Professor Geoffrey Chadwick, at work in the Hi-Tec Metals research unit at Chandlers Ford

spun away from Southampton University in 1984, when a contract came up that was too big to be handled in the university's laboratories. Barton provides the trained managerial skills and her husband, Professor Geoffrey Chadwick, provides the technological knowledge as a consultant, while continuing to teach.

"We have a very good symbiotic relationship with the university," Chadwick says. "The fundamental research goes on there, and we can do the applied side here."

Two of the company's 10 workers have PhDs and a third is about to submit his thesis for another

Two major research contracts, one with a consortium supported by the Department of Trade and Industry, and the other (which started earlier this year) with companies from five countries under the aegis of the European Commission, make up the main part of their business.

Many entrants for last year's award involved innovations in the field of computers. Last year's runner-up, Codus Ltd, was created as an independent company in 1985 by Dr Donald Radley, of the Institute of Information Technology in Sheffield. It is, in effect, an electronic index, enabling subscribers to call up the latest

information on the specifications and test performance of electronic components on the international market. British clients include Rolls-Royce and British Telecom, and recently the company notched up its first sale outside Europe.

"The award certainly adds to our credibility in the market," Radley says. Innovation is not, of course, automatically rewarded straight away by orders. Most of last year's six winners and short-listed entrants are well short of euphoria over their business progress since then, although none is doing worse than steadily plugging along.

Dr Lyndon Owen, of Styx Tech-

nology, Romsey, Hampshire, voices a common lament when he says a major constraint on expansion is the difficulty of finding capital: this was a problem that Barclays also identified and set out to correct with the creation of its High Technology Team and the decision to sponsor the award.

Owen's company has developed a variety of data transmission systems, including one which makes it possible to transmit information around an office on existing mains wiring.

Bob Moorhouse, of Moorhouse Technology, based in the Mechanical Engineering Department of Birmingham University, feels

HOW TO ENTER

The *Times*-Barclays Innovator of the Year Award 1988 is a competition for the most viable business plan from researchers, engineers or technicians setting up new technological "spin-out" companies to exploit their expertise or research. The competition is limited to companies set up on or after July 1, 1985, and entries must arrive no later than September 16, 1988. Entry forms and full details from: Andrew Cavell, Manager, High Technology Team, Barclays Bank PLC, 54 Lombard Street, London EC3P 3AH.

more bullish. His company—whose entire staff consists of himself and his wife, Christine—has risen from a turnover of zero to £10,000 in a single year. It is a pioneer in research into forming components from tubes by pressure.

The company which has apparently come along fastest in turnover terms is another innovator in nuts and bolts. Crocus Ltd, of Stockport, run by Gordon Humphreys, produces what he calls a "mega-Meccano" for customers to assemble into industrial robots for performing complex operations. Crocus has created a turnover of almost £1 million in 15 months.

Thirsting for a new dawn

In the week that Orangemen take to the streets, Paul Vallely meets a growing number of ordinary people who are building bridges for peace

There can be bravery in drinking tea. Anna Fowler demonstrated this on Sunday when she set up a table in the Garvaghy Road and laid out an impressive spread of cakes and sandwiches for a small group of Catholics and Protestants.

The Garvaghy Road in Portadown is potentially the most volatile of Northern Ireland's many flashpoints in this week when the Orangemen traditionally turn out in large numbers to march the streets. Mrs Fowler's aim was, as it has been on similar occasions for the last two years, to offer an alternative to the tribal triumphalism which surround the Twelfth of July, the anniversary of the decisive victory of the Protestant King William over the Catholic King James.

On the Sunday before the Twelfth, Portadown members of the local Orange Lodge proclaim their continuing Protestant ascendancy in the province by marching through the streets, including the one flanked by estates which house 6,000 working-class Catholics, 90 per cent of whom are unemployed. Local Catholics respond by staying at home behind closed doors or by lining the streets to jeer and sometimes throw stones.

But Mrs Fowler has devised a new response. Her street party is for a small group of Catholic and Protestant friends which she has built up over the past two years of organizing community events and non-sectarian religious meetings in the area. If the resulting scene is faintly ludicrous as the stern-faced Orangemen march by, then

that is what she intends. "If they see us as ridiculous then maybe they will turn the same gaze upon themselves."

In the event it all passed off without incident. The protesters were moved firmly but gently off the road just before several hundred Orangemen, flanked by more than 1,000 police and soldiers and 90 armoured Land-Rovers, marched down the road... and Anna Fowler's gesture went largely unnoticed.

Yet that was appropriate enough. Such is the fate of hundreds of small attempts at reconciliation which are made every day in a province whose name has become a perverted synonym for fear, hatred and entrenched bigotry.

For the average newspaper reader on the British mainland an almost daily diet of perfunctorily-recorded bombings, random sectarian murders, and attacks on police and Army patrols creates an image which is only one dimension of life in Northern Ireland. Most people in the province carry out a daily routine which wilfully ignores such a reality. But a significantly large number of local people are engaged in an unspectacular yet untiring attempt to build bridges which will create a new reality in the troubled community.

The tiny, dense print of the *Belfast Telegraph* is on some days a miserable index to the pain of life in the city. On one night alone there were meetings advertised for the Tranquillizers help group, the Depression self-help group, the Agoraphobia Society, Gamblers Anonymous, Overeaters Anonymous, and the Northern Ireland Widows Association.



Turning the tables: Anna Fowler pours tea as she and her friends await the Orange parade

'If they see us as ridiculous maybe they will gaze upon themselves'

tion. But buried among them was notice of an open evening at the Columbanus Community of Reconciliation.

Columbanus was a Irish missionary in the days before the Protestant schism. The community which has taken his name consists of a Catholic priest, a Church of Ireland minister, two Anglican nuns and a Presbyterian laywoman. They live together in a large house in north Belfast.

The community does not actually do anything. Father Michael Hurley, a Jesuit, told the handful of curious local people who turned up for the evening. Each member is engaged separately in social or religious work elsewhere in the city. But the simple act of living under one roof, unremarkable in many other contexts, is in Belfast an eloquent statement in itself. Indeed anything more dramatic might prove counterproductive.

What is common to all of those engaged in the dozens of reconciliation groups through-

out Ulster is the conviction, firmly rooted in Christian theology, that before structural changes can be made to create a more just and peaceful society there must come changes in the way individuals respond to one another.

It is in Corrymeela, a rambling old country house set in splendid isolation on the wild north Antrim coast, that the notion finds its most complete expression. The community there was established 23 years ago by an ecumenical group of students from Queen's University, Belfast, on a wave of Sixties liberalism. But in 1971, after the massive upturn in IRA violence which followed the introduction of internment without trial, it threw open its doors to the homeless and psychologically distressed from both sides in Belfast. Since then it has acted as a haven for thousands of the victims of the Troubles.

"In the past the two main

religious traditions have just acted as chaplains to the two opposing groups. Often church leaders have actually exacerbated the problem," says John Morrow, a Presbyterian minister and the leader of the community. "The church's job is to change the atmosphere so that a new kind of politics can flourish."

Today there are dozens of individuals working for reconciliation in communities throughout the region who were first schooled at Corrymeela. They have pioneered initiatives in better housing, fairer employment practices, integrated education and in youth work. Organizations working on behalf of prisoners' wives or those in mixed marriages have emerged.

But though in one corner of the Corrymeela community last week academics from the Centre for Conflict Studies at the University of Ulster could be overheard debating the finer points of the Anglo-Irish Agreement, there is still a firm sense that basics must be

adhered to. Elsewhere in the community's small complex of buildings were families with handicapped children—Catholic and Protestant, but united by poverty as well as disability—experiencing what was for some of the youngsters their first seaside holiday.

"The premise of the place is that people share their experiences," Morrow says. "In the end things are not settled by argument but by coming to an understanding of the position of other people, which includes learning how they live with the pain which we have helped create. By living together people also learn that real change does not spring out of intellectual debate but comes from the reality of living together as a community."

But there is a price to be paid, as the community's adventure playground poignantly shows. A plaque there dedicates it to Sean Armstrong, a friend of the community who was assassinated in West Belfast, apparently because his youth programmes were too successful in drawing young people away from paramilitary youth organizations.

The steady bravery of many of the province's reconciliation workers is impressive. In Londonderry, a peace group whose members consist of ex-paramilitaries from both sides regularly confronts terrorists over their activities. In the fiercely Loyalist Springmartin area, the Rev Timothy Kinahan, an Anglican priest who is a member of the ecumenical Cornerstone Community, insists on being accompanied by the local Catholic priest when calling on the families of those who have been killed for sectarian reasons. He has also conducted an outspoken campaign against racketeering by Protestant paramilitaries in his parish.

Every day there are dozens of less dramatic examples. "It is not the fear of being attacked by the other side or of being manhandled by the police which bothers them the most," says Father Brian Lennon, a member of a small Jesuit community which lives in an ordinary council house off the Garvaghy Road and is heavily involved in promoting contact between local Catholics and Protestants. He was speaking of Anna Fowler and her fellows.

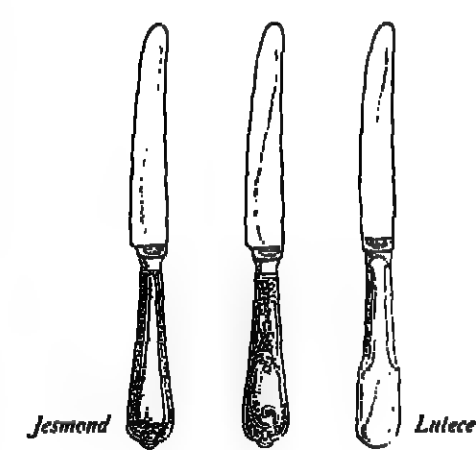
"Their main fear is of the sneers or contempt of the hard-liners in their own community. Facing up to that is what takes the real courage."

TOMORROW

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SCIENCE REPORT

Mussels: a strong whiff of success

Shellfish that detect pollution are the subject of a worldwide environmental protection initiative which could contribute a great deal to global pollution control. The International Mussel Watch, is being coordinated from the University of Maryland by Professor Ed Goldberg of the Scripps Oceanographic Institute near San Diego, California.

Although the project is still in its initial stages, the intention is to make the use of biological pollution detectors into a more scientific practice than at present. Biological detectors are already widely used in the oil, gas, waste-disposal and nuclear power

industries to detect waste leakage, but little is known about how they respond to pollutants. Such information could lead to the use of mussels in a powerful worldwide system to monitor the origin, spread and build up of wastes of all kinds.

Most marine ecologists agree that mussels and other bivalve shellfish are the best biological pollution detectors because they feed by gently filtering particles from sea water through their gills, which thus accumulate sewage, radioactive and toxic waste in concentrations far above the low ambient background levels of the open sea. Because mussels are living organisms,

researchers can detect which substances are likely to be most harmful to life; a sick mussel is thus the sign of environmentally harmful pollution. However, they are very tolerant of most pollutants, and can tolerate concentrations of poisonous substances that would kill many less hardy creatures.

As pollution detectors, mussels are particularly useful because they are common worldwide; large beds of them are familiar sites on the seashore. This means they can be gathered and analysed with no threat to mussel populations. It also means that comparable data can be gathered from different parts of the globe. To

compare the effect of a pollutant on mussels with the effect on other shellfish such as cockles is of relatively little use, because the different species may not respond to different pollutants in the same way.

Mussels are veterans at detection, although the use of other species such as fish is also common. Oil companies have long appreciated the value of mussels for spotting leaks from oil installations, and water authorities use them to warn of excess levels of sewage in lagoon waters. Mussels and other sea-bed molluscs are constantly sampled by researchers at the Sellafield nuclear reprocess-

ing plant on the coast of Cumbria, in monitoring discharges of radioactive material into the Irish Sea.

Researchers from the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food use the same technique, but they tend to favour cockles over mussels. Shellfish of all kinds are so abundant on the Cumbrian coast that researchers do not need to plant any more. But many marine laboratories take a more scientific approach: caged molluscs are monitored in conjunction with native molluscs to find out how particular animals respond.

John Farrington, of the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute in Massachusetts,

who is one of the researchers involved in the Global Mussel Watch, says it will start with a pilot study of pesticide pollution in the Southern Hemisphere. Researchers will measure the levels of chlorinated pesticides to compare them with the more strictly controlled pollution levels in the Northern Hemisphere. The survey is backed by various United Nations agencies concerned with health and the environment and could determine, for example, the origins of pollutants in the food chain and in human breast milk.

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WEDNESDAY PAGE

What exactly will the parent-governor be expected to do? Betty Jermyn explains their new, exacting role

The ruling class

This week the Department of Education and Science begins its press campaign to encourage parents to become school governors, with a series of advertisements in women's weekly magazines (because, a spokeswoman says, "mothers may be more concerned about their children's education. And men read women's magazines..."). The department's recent leaflet, widely distributed to public libraries, Post Offices and schools, bears the eye-catching challenge (over multicultural portraits): "Shouldn't you become a School Governor?"

Well, yes, maybe you should — but what is it exactly that they do? To be honest, until recently not a lot — apart from presenting cups on Sports Day.

Governors no longer get the grand tour treatment to meet the workers at the jumble sale or school bazaar. They are workers, alongside teachers and parents, fund-raising not for desirable extras but for basic equipment.

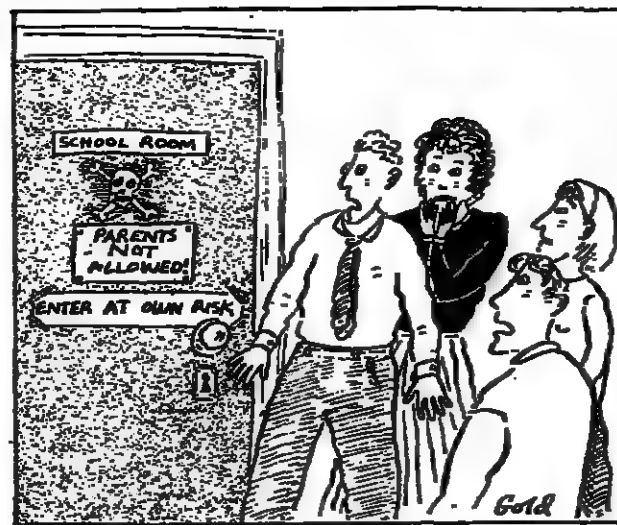
I became a governor at our village primary school 13 years ago when appointments were political parties' awards for services rendered. The time commitment was a three annual (hour-and-a-half at most) meeting, and optional

attendance at school events. Signs warning "No parents past this point" still existed at some schools.

When training courses were introduced in the 1970s, veterans from the old days muttered that they had learnt "on the job". I found the courses invaluable when interviewing for teachers' posts. More training is promised. We are going to need it. And the new parent-governors will have to be prepared to give more of their time.

The DES notes that the mothers they are hoping to target with their advertisements in women's magazines may not be working if they have young children and may therefore have more time available to them. An Institute of Directors' survey published earlier this year indicated that employers may be sympathetic to the demands of governorship: half the sample already allowed their staff time off, and 88 per cent of the others would consider requests to do so.

Our once-a-term meetings



can now take at least two and a half hours, trying to make sense of the 1986 Education Act as well as dealing with immediate problems.

We now have to approve school journeys, assuring ourselves about accompanying staff numbers and insurance — an innovation spurred by the

Lands End disaster, tragically repeated recently. Subcommittees are needed to interview for new teacher appointments — once left to the Head — and to write the governors' annual report.

Accountability to parents arrived last year. It did not help our nerves, planning that

first one, hearing about governors elsewhere retiring because of it, of heads combining the meeting with their annual parents' evening on children's progress "to get them there". A Consumer's Association survey has revealed that 9 per cent of parents turn up.

The reconstructed school boards, taking over on September 1, will have a new balance well away from the old political domination. Numbers will vary with the size of school. A medium-size primary school will have only three local education authority appointees; three will be parent-elected, instead of two, one teacher-elected and three co-opted from the community, particularly the business community. Governors with budgeting skills will be at a premium, the school budget being yet another new responsibility. I have been searching for a retired accountant, but the retired are either off to the sun or do not think of schools when they are planning vol-

untary work. We need grandparents, too. The job is unpaid.

A governorship is no longer an empty political award. If you have ever gripped about failing standards, the semi-literate young, you can now put your money (or rather time and commitment) where your mouth is.

Here is a warning: don't munter that "we didn't do it like that in my day". Times have changed and education with them. Be glad about that.

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Useful sources of information: Advisory Centre for Education, 18 Victoria Park Square, London E2 9PB for booklets "More Questions Governors Ask," £3; "Education Act 1986," £2; plus 25p postage and packing. National Association of Governors & Managers, 81 Rutland Road, Sheffield, S11 7AB, organizes courses for governors. School Governor, an independent magazine, £14 a year from School Governor, 73 All Saints Road, Kings Heath, Birmingham, B15 7LN. Department of Education and Science, Publications Despatch Centre, Government Buildings, Honeywell Lane, Stanmore, Middlesex HA7 1AZ, for free booklets "School Governors: a New Role" and "Education Reform".

Softly spoken and satirical

Angela Thirkell is about to be republished and rehabilitated — lilac georgette, gooseberry fool and all

Few literary events are more pleasant and uplifting than the revival of a half-forgotten novelist. It is even better when the novelist in question has had, throughout those years of obscurity, a small, devoted following who have formed societies, read papers, mended their old copies with Sellotape, and scoured jumble sales for treasurable, if mucky, editions.

When the reprint comes, not only are they spared that trouble, but gloriously and publicly vindicated in their obsession.

All this is about to happen to Angela Thirkell, 1899-1960, who, during the last 30 years of her life produced a novel a year (or, as she modestly put it, wrote "the same book every year with unflagging regularity"). She wrote about Trollope's fic-

tionnaire, of Southwold, informs me, they will look at Thirkell's old house, eat a splendid meal at the pub ("must gooseberry fool, no, just anything that's going"), attend a church service and make light conversation of their own.

The society — judging by barbed asides in its newsletter — frequently is irritated that the only interest in Thirkell by later generations tends to be an interest in her life, rather than her books. Not too surprising: she was the daughter of J.W. Mackail, the poet, and granddaughter of Sir Edward Burne-Jones.

Her childhood, 1899-1960, was among fets and in the salons of Kensington and Fulham. Beatrix Potter drew pictures for her. Kipling was her cousin, J.M. Barrie her godfather. She was one of the first pupils at St Paul's school.

Emerging from a drunken and lecherous North-country singer, James Campbell McInnes, and when she divorced him for adultery and cruelty, the new-

Conversation 'runs lightly over hidden depths'

Three years ago Virago brought out an early, rather atypical, but very funny book of hers called *Trooper to the Southern Cross* — an autobiographically based account, originally written under a male pseudonym, of the going-on aboard a troopship to Australia just after the First World War. It is one of Barry Humphries' favourite books, and prefaces many of his variable gibes about Australians. Now Chatto & Windus are embarking on a programme of reprints of her gentler, more parochial satires of English provincial life in the Thirties starting with *The Brandons* and *Summer Half*. In both of these the characters drift around in georgette dresses and jet beads, eat gooseberry fool and potted salmon, go to church, play tennis, organise fêtes and make conversation which, in Thirkell's own phrase "runs lightly over hidden depths".

This summer, the Angela Thirkell Society will be able to hold their heads that bit higher when they go on their annual, invariable outing to Rottingdean. There, Miss Pat

papers shrieked: "Wife's life of horror!" One offspring of this marriage was Colin McInnes, a writer of a rather different sort: so different that the Angela Thirkell Society newsletter finds it quite hard to admit to him at times — a fierce homosexual writer with a taste for low-life being a long way removed from the leisured calm of Rottingdean. After the first marriage, she met Captain George Thirkell from Tasmania, and enjoyed the interlude aboard the troopship, and a brief stay in Australia. She came back on a visit and stayed, leaving her husband for good, and remained London-based until she died in 1960, still drinking rum, still making fun of the world. She signed herself Old Mrs Thirkell, and observed: "What I should like to do when I leave is to tell everyone here exactly what I think of them."

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Roger Boyes
reports on the ease
with which Carlo
(right) was sold

The baby market in Italy does not reach this dimension but is probably the biggest in Europe. The Danes, the Dutch, the childless of the north, come south. But the clients are mostly northern Italians, couples with dual careers who were at first childless by choice but who have become desperate for a baby. Boys, by the way, cost more.



Carlo was still in his auction clothes: an immaculate white baby suit, as if he were about to go to a party

Sometimes mothers produce to order; a recent case in the Naples area concerned a woman who has produced a baby every year for the last seven years and lived off the proceeds. More common, though, are the pathetic cases such as that of Maria Gentile, a 25-year-old woman with a history of mental illness. After giving birth, cars with foreign number plates were seen visiting her father's farm in the southern village of Ascerola. Twenty

Carlo, the baby for auction, is the most typical of the recent sales. Sant' Antimo is *Camorra* heartland; they let off guns at the funerals, spit or cry on the coffins as they wind their way through the intricate alleyways of the *Bozzoghele* district. The prostitutes sit outside the houses on chairs, reading the

When she was pregnant with Carlo, she was contacted by a 62-year-old woman who has befriended many of the local prostitutes and, according to the Carabinieri, has handled several baby sales in the past. A bed was arranged in a private clinic and on March 26, after the birth, all records disappeared. The baby, too, went underground. Carlo was not registered, an anonymous donor paid the hospital bills, and some weeks later the baby was sent home. The first photograph of the baby was from Narni, but they asked the intermediary to register the adoption officially at the Juvenile Court. The woman reluctantly took the buyer to the courts, if only to demonstrate the imperturbable bureaucracy. The clerk became suspicious and the woman left the scene swiftly. That

The mother has disappeared. Her neighbours speak well enough of her: she did what she had to do. She used to cry about her other children who are in the custody of her husband. Some mornings, when she was not working the streets, she would go outside the school gate and try to meet her lost children. According to her neighbours she did not want to lose Carlo, but she was soon convinced that it was for the best. The court will give him to a suitable couple from Naples, top of the long, long official waiting list. "If it were not for the unexpected slip-up caused by the innocence of the purchasers," Dr Cavallo says, "the deal for Carlo would have gone according to plan. And who knows how many other meetings would have been held in the baby bazaar of Sant' Antimo."

A round-up of news, views and information

Sitting pretty

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Filling a gap

Necessity has proved the spirit for many mothers' inventions, and burgeoning businesses in everything from baby slings to nanny services have grown out of new mothers' needs. Joie Bateman started up Bojo Originals because, she says, "as mothers we were fed up with 'designer clothes' for toddlers which look fantastic but lasted only a few months and cost the earth — not to mention not having little practicalities like poppers around the legs". Here are clothes for budding extroverts who do not mind getting up to mischief in smart, durable, easy to clean, and washable clothes. Kate did playdays in the baggiest cotton prints. They are versatile (fully reversible and designed to be worn in several different ways), machine washable and longwearing (each size promises to last for up to two years and they come with a set of patches). Prices range from £15.50 for a tracksuit to £19.50 for a summer set of four co-ordinating pieces. Details and a free colour brochure from: Bojo Originals, Treforest Industrial Estate, Pontypridd, Mid Glamorgan (0547 528255).

Quote me



"I am not complaining, but I think I, and not Mrs Thatcher, am responsible for my own prosperity."

Elegant age

Fans of Edwardiana will go wild at Harrods next month when the store's ground floor exhibition area is re-opened on August 6 with a panoply of paraphernalia from the age of Elegance. There will be thick, double-sided paisley silk shawls in perfect condition from £500 to £2,500, and crocodile suitcases from £1,500, as well as jewellery, silver and unusual items such as an oak folding writing box for £2,300. About three-quarters of the articles for sale are originals, with the rest in the flavour of the era - except for the Royal Worcester Heritage Collection, which is using the exhibition to celebrate 200 years of the Royal Warrant.

On the card

Hypochondriacs will rejoice at an Israeli invention which can carry up to 2,000 characters of information on their medical history in simple, credit card form. A minute micro-processor makes this possible. It should, says the Britain Israel Public Affairs Centre of 126/134 Baker Street, London W1M 1FH (01-486 4141), be marketed in Britain within the next few months, but in the meantime urgent queries (from those not sure they can wait that long) should be addressed to: Electro-Gali

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TIMES DIARY

MARTIN FLETCHER

Sir Brandon Rhys Williams, whose death has caused tomorrow's Kensington by-election, was truly a Tory of the benign old school. His memory already at St Margaret's, Westminster, on Monday was attended by the Prime Minister and the Tory great and good. But among the ushers, at the family's request, was one Ben Bousquet — his Labour opponent in the last two general elections.

I suspect, incidentally, that Sir Brandon would have been wryly amused that Cynthia Payne is standing in the by-election. A fellow MP recalls reading aloud in the Commons a report of Madame Cyn's trial last year which said that for £25 her clients got a three-course meal, a bottle of wine and a woman. Sir Brandon lowered his paper and observed in his old Etonian accent: "At that price I can't imagine that the wine was up to much."

Madame Cyn is one of 15 candidates in the by-election, only two short of the record 17 in the 1984 Chesterfield by-election won by Tony Benn. The following year the Government raised the deposit from £150 to £500 to discourage frivolous candidates, but this seems to have had no effect at all. However, assuming that all but four candidates will tomorrow lose their deposits, the Exchequer will benefit by £5,500.

Kensington is not short of royal residences, but male members of the Royal Household who are entitled to sit in the Lords are disenfranchised and therefore cannot vote tomorrow. Not so their wives. The registration form returned from Kensington Palace lists Princess Margaret, the Duchess of Kent, and Princess Michael of Kent. Princess Michael for one is expected to exercise her democratic right.

The Government urges those who have benefited from its policies to think of others and show social responsibility. Perhaps its own MPs should give us a lead. In 1986 the Chancellor, Nigel Lawson, announced tax relief of up to £100 on payroll donations to recognized charities and in this year's Budget raised the limit to £240. But John Wakeham, Leader of the House, says that only 39 of the 650 MPs have taken up an offer by the Commons Fee Office to make the necessary arrangements. Donations to charity through this scheme will this year amount to a mere £5,220.

BARRY FANTONI



Reporting Neil Kinnock's trip to the African front-line states can be a hazardous operation. At the weekend the man from the Sun, Simon Walters, was telephoning his story to London from a hotel room in Livingston, in Zambia, when in through the open window jumped a large and aggressive monkey. As it advanced, Walters dropped the telephone and began fending it off with his jacket. He was saved from becoming the subject of what would surely have been one of the Sun's more extraordinary headlines only when the contents of his pocket rattled to the floor and frightened the creature away.

Still, Walters is at least an accredited member of the Kinnock entourage, which the TV-an crew is not. Indeed, they are persona non grata because of their employers' recent battle with the unions. This seems merely to have increased their determination to give the tour the fullest possible coverage. Whereas other crews are flying home before Kinnock, the TV-an men are staying on till the end. Banned from Kinnock's aeroplanes, they have chartered their own. In Livingston they hopped into a police van and got the driver to pursue the Kinnock cavalcade. Returning from Livingston to Lusaka late at night, they made a private arrangement with the staff of the communications centre to stay on to transmit their film by satellite to London.

Only Kinnock remains unimpressed by their resourcefulness. After a meeting with Oliver Tambo which only TV-an was present to record, he muttered the ANC leader: "We have a TV crew here whose company does not believe in unions."

Has someone been consulting his chickens? Though the SLD leadership contest runs until July 28, I learn that Paddy Ashdown has already discreetly asked David Steel which spokesperson he would like under his leadership.

At the insistence of the Green party, which argues that it too is a national party with support not just in the north for David Owen's SDP, MORI recently agreed to list it by name when questioning people on their voting intentions rather than lumping it with "others". In the last quarter MORI questioned 10,124 people for various polls; the Greens got the nod from 35, or 3.3 per cent.

Last week I reported that half the 120 staff at Labour's Walworth Road headquarters had yet to pay their 1988 party subs. I now learn there are also miscreants among Labour's 229 MPs. They must contribute 1 per cent, or £226, of their salary to the party's coffers. Seven months into the year, 12 are still holding out. Incidentally, Labour general secretary Larry Whitty is one of those who has still to pay his subs. This is because his local Peckham Labour Party has been suspended, pending investigations into alleged extremism.

Washington
Senator Lloyd Bentsen's moment of greatest embarrassment came in 1987, when he briefly became the laughing stock of Washington. The suave and experienced Texan had just announced that he would meet lobbyists for regular breakfasts on Capitol Hill if they would each contribute \$10,000 to his re-election campaign.

The ill-timed announcement came at the height of concern over special-interest lobbying and sleazy attempts at buying influence by former administration officials. The press seized on what seemed the ultimate in congressional corruption. Senator Bentsen, under sharp attack, retreated, apologized and returned money already received.

Two significant facts stood out: first, the tough chairman of the important Senate finance committee was quick to acknowledge the appearance of impropriety and to retreat from an untenable position; and second, he was quickly forgiven and the gaffe forgotten. Others would have been pilloried mercilessly. But Bentsen is both popular and powerful, widely respected by his colleagues and with few enemies.

Unlike the Texan Democrat picked for vice-president in 1960, Bentsen does not have the folksy, back-slapping manner of

Michael Binyon profiles the Democrats' Texan running mate

Fine balance to Dukakis

Lyndon Johnson, nor the vice-presidential pick, the 67-year-old senator is gentlemanly, patrician, reserved in style. But he brings to the Dukakis ticket several vital assets: the loyalty of his native Texas, a key state in the region where the Massachusetts governor is weakest (no Democrat has ever won the White House without winning Texas); conservative credentials; almost 40 years experience in Congress and the respect of Wall Street.

Trade, the budget and financial issues will be at the heart of the Democrats' campaign this autumn. Dukakis, under attack over his recent handling of the Massachusetts budget, needs a man who cannot be portrayed as a liberal and who will send a signal to the US business community of financial competence and stability. Himself a millionaire businessman, Bentsen has spent much of his Senate life promoting US business,

especially aiding the hard-pressed oil and gas industries. He has been a main figure in the congressional battle with President Reagan over trade legislation. His committee also oversees tax legislation and the welfare reform bill currently before a House-Senate conference committee.

Bentsen, first elected to the Senate in 1970, grew up in the days when the Texan frontier with Mexico was ungoverned, speaking Spanish as fluently as English. He was an Army Air Corps pilot in the Second World War, serving in Europe and winning the Distinguished Flying Cross.

Taking up law in 1945, he was elected to the House of Representatives in 1948 at the age of 27, his youngest member, and served there six years before moving into the insurance business in Houston and making millions.

The selection of Bentsen after an exhaustive and increasingly

frustrating search is reminiscent of the Democrats' tactics in 1960 — a candidate from Massachusetts bringing in a consummate congressional insider to challenge a sitting vice-president. There is the added and satisfying irony that Bentsen decisively beat Bush, who challenged him for the Senate seat in 1976.

Both positive and negative factors have influenced the choice. Increasingly in modern elections, the vice-presidential candidate is expected to bring balance to the ticket — regional, ethnic, philosophical and political. Bentsen brings all that. He is a southern Presbyterian of Danish stock, an older man from the Tory Democratic tradition who comes from a big land-owning family in the lower Rio Grande valley.

Vice-presidents are also expected to deliver vital electoral college votes, and Texas, with 29, is the largest block after California and New York. Despite a somewhat dull manner,

Bentsen has proved a strong voice. In his 1976 fight with Bush he mobilized Baptists, blacks and labour unions — constituencies Dukakis needs now to join the new Democratic coalition he is trying to forge.

Though not as strong a regional candidate as Senator Sam Nunn, as dynamic as Senator Albert Gore or as celebrated a national hero as Senator John Glenn, Bentsen has none of their negative factors. Nunn and Gore were clearly unacceptable to the Rev Jesse Jackson, whose support is still vital to Dukakis. Glenn, though worthy, is seen as extraordinarily dull and is a poor campaigner, as well as still owing \$2.4 million from his abortive election campaign.

Bentsen once sought the presidential nomination — in the 1976 primaries against Jimmy Carter, but did not get far. He was also passed over for vice-president in 1984 when Mondale chose Geraldine Ferraro instead. But he took those defeats sto-

ically. Politically, Bentsen falls just to the other side of the left-right dividing line from Dukakis. He has needed a careful line between mainstream Democrats and conservatives.

Like Dukakis, he is a details man: he has devoted much attention to complex legislation, such as pension reform and the oil depletion allowance. He generally supports free trade, but he has also worked with the former Republican chairman of the international trade subcommittee to persuade the Japanese to restrict car exports "voluntarily". He is not a free market ideologue, however, and sees a real need for government assistance to the private economy. His middle-of-the-road approach may represent the views of a broad cross-section of American business. He has certainly spoken out strongly on the need to improve US competitiveness — another election theme this year.

Bentsen can call on old party loyalties for broad support. In 1984 he headed the Senate Democrats' campaign committee, and proved an adroit fund-raiser, bringing in more than \$9 million. There will be little opposition to him in Atlanta next week when he is formally nominated on the final day of the convention.

George Urban

A satellite heading west

Three years into Mikhail Gorbachev's stewardship, the leaders of Central and Eastern Europe find themselves in the embarrassing position of having more freedom on their hands than they know how to use. The hot line from Moscow is under-utilized or silent. Soviet troop withdrawals from Hungary and Poland are rumoured. Faith in the Kremlin's readiness to use military force should any satellite again hit the rocks has been shaken.

The disinterment of the Soviet past and Moscow's new, un-nerving pluralism have removed many of the familiar road signs and put a question mark against the infallibility, even the legitimacy, of the ruling ideology. If this is a bleak outlook for those who wield power in Eastern Europe, it is not so for the people they rule. Hungary, although a special case because it has been the sole pioneer, within the bloc, of the Gorbachev Enlightenment, is nevertheless a good indicator of where the socialist community might be heading if Gorbachev manages to stay in the saddle.

Returning to Hungary recently for the first time in 20 years, I was struck by the adaptability of Hungarians in all things that do not touch the core of their being as individuals or as a nation.

The street names have been changed, the language has been corrupted, society has been atomized, the ties with Western Europe have been weakened, but the brainwashing of the Stalin era has just not worked out. Despite the ravages of the Second World War, the tyranny of the postwar Rakosi regime, the sacrifices of the 1956 Revolution and the loss of collective self-respect under János Kádár, the nation has retained its remarkable identity.

This is a fact the Hungarians are rightly proud of, but it is only part of their story. An intellectual and artistic power of the first rank, Hungary is a pauper with Europe's highest per capita debt. Its musical culture and literature are second to none, but so is its suicide rate. An uncommon sensitivity goes hand in hand

with a newly acquired common sense that surprises Hungary-watchers of an earlier generation.

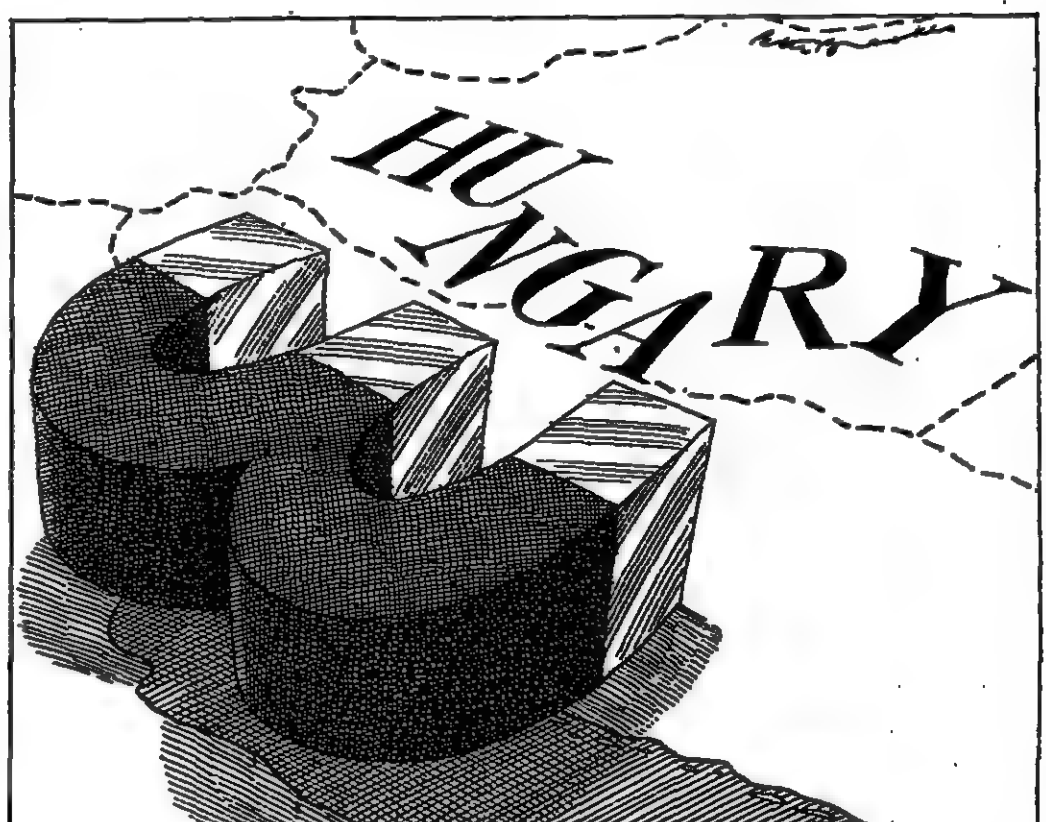
The level of discussion both in the burgeoning opposition and, increasingly, in the party and government is sophisticated. Budapest taxi drivers treat unsuspecting passengers to seminars about the mortality rate, the taxation system, the ecological risks of building a dam on the Danube, the tergiversations of party history and other questions of a kind that would not immediately strike a caddy in London or New York as natural topics of conversation.

What the party now has to fear is not an outbreak of popular discontent (though that, too, may be waiting in the wings) but the reasoning and libertarian aspirations of a people it has educated for quite another purpose.

The speeches of the Populist opposition at their meeting in Lakitelek; the "Social Contract" tabled by the Budapest radicals; the manifesto of the newly created "Network"; the articulations of the environmentalists of the Danube Circle (recipients in 1985 of the alternative Nobel Prize) are so many signs of a moderate and constructive mood. "A compromise (with the government) reached on grounds of reason is a hundred times more difficult to tear up than one which has been forced on us," the Populist writer Sándor Csóori observed in a recent essay.

The Hungarians have burned their fingers once too often. They now live in a state of quiet expectation. They are fully aware that the police state is still in place, but they can also see that it is at odds with itself and has lost self-confidence.

The pitiable thugs who brutally prevented 400 young protesters from placing flowers at the Budapest memorial to the executed 1956 leader Imre Nagy showed the present limits of the leadership's tolerance and of Hungarian sovereignty. But no sooner is a meeting banned than its organizers declare it to be in



accord with the constitution and carry on regardless. More often than not, the authorities do not interfere.

They fear the voice of Radio Free Europe, which has acquired the status of a domestic force of crucial impact, and the withdrawal of American and West European aid, trade and technological co-operation. With Moscow's influence in decline, the dollar and the deutschmark have become the final arbiters in the fortunes of Hungarian Communism.

An exceptionally intelligent "confidential" police report, duly printed in the democratic opposition's journal *Hirmondo*, makes the point with clarity: the mismanagement of the country's economy has cast a protective shield over dissent and opposition because Western aid has been tied to the enhancement of civil freedoms. Even if this is overstating the case (probably an attempt to exonerate the

police), it is believed to be true by a great many Hungarians.

When Károlyi Grosz, the new party leader, goes to America later this month, the record of his government's treatment of the opposition should be put in front of him before there is any discussion of bailing out Hungary yet again.

Even a year ago, Hungarian non-conformists seldom pushed their case beyond certain demands for pluralism within the socialist order. Gorbachev has changed all that, even though his reforms are looked upon with suspicion because they hail from Russia. The superior virtues of a western type of multi-party democracy are now openly advocated. Liberal democracy was among the demands listed at the grave of Imre Nagy but, more important, it has become the context in which Hungarians up and down the country discuss their political future. If the debate is conducted with a

certain naivety, it is none the worse for that.

The Hungarians' image of democracy has a touch of classical Greece about it. They like to think that liberal democracy can be had without Arthur Scargill, vandalism, football hooliganism or tabloid journalism.

Enoch Powell, writing in *The Spectator* recently, said he encountered a similar innocence in the Soviet Union. But while Russian naivety springs from inexperience, the Hungarian variety is the child of a positive commitment compounded by the vicinity of the European Community, which exerts a magnetic influence.

The notion of a united Europe is powerfully active in all of Soviet-dominated Central and Eastern Europe. In Hungary it is a particularly bold idea, not only as a means of repudiating the Soviet connection but as an assertion of certain national and religious

goods which the small European nations have always had more reason to fear losing than their larger and more self-confident brothers.

Popular and respected as Mrs Thatcher is in Hungary because of her domestic policies, her attitude, or what is thought to be her attitude, to the EEC meets with little approval. The US is admired as a powerful and benevolent cousin, and American largesse is appreciated; but it is to Austria that Hungarians immediately look and, beyond Austria, the vision of a united Europe to which they aspire.

Optimistic observers of the scene may be forgiven for believing that Hungary is already, imperceptibly but irreversibly, moving in that direction, even under its present unelected and unaccountable leaders. Going into Europe under a communist regime? If there is one way of squaring that circle, Ernő Rubik's compatriots would be the ones to do it.

The urgency of a European solution is underlined by the suppression of the rights of the 2.5 million Hungarian minority in Romania. This is a question that unites government and opposition. The myth that nationalism withers away under socialism and that socialist states can have no serious conflicts with one another has long been exploded. Budapest realizes this, and so does Bucharest.

Most Hungarians believe that President Ceausescu's plan to destroy the identity of a large part of the rural population (Romanian and German, as well as Hungarian) by razing their villages and putting uniform agro-industrial townships in their place is no different in principle from Pol Pot's attempt to make Cambodia safe for communism. They can sense that Ceausescu has no Soviet support and that this may not be a bad time to assist Gorbachev in freeing the bloc of one of its principal embarrassments.

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Commentary • MAX BELOFF

Listen to the Lords

Ministers are due to meet today to decide what to do about the amendments to the Education Reform Bill carried against the Government in the House of Lords. This is not a decision that should be taken lightly.

The Bill as originally presented was greeted with understandable dismay in the university world. For it seemed in its demand for centralization to run counter to the general philosophy of the Bill itself, with its emphasis on devolution and choice, and also to be clearly at odds with the Prime Minister's own strong personal commitment to university autonomy.

Ministers suggested in their contacts with university representatives that it was all part of a larger package. Any autonomy the universities might fear to lose through tighter funding machinery would be offset by a shift towards student fees becoming a much more important part of their income, thus introducing a market element that many universities would welcome. The fees themselves would come from grants, loans or a combination of the two. But it is now evident that this part of the package will not be coming forward for a long time. The Bill is all we have.

But even the contents of the Bill itself were unclear. How did ministers see the universities? There seemed to be disagreement even among them. The Secretary of State, Kenneth Baker, had praised the extent to which they had already adapted themselves to the new demands made upon them by economic and social change and was

usually ready with soft reassurances. On the other hand the junior minister for the universities, Robert Jackson, had left a mark of wounded indignation as he poured the universities to explain the Government's proposal. He talked as though they needed a constant hammering from outside to prevent them from relapsing into a Gibbonian sloth.

Much attention has therefore been devoted to the proceedings in the House of Lords with its strong representation in all parties and on the cross-benches of men and women with long service to the universities or even still engaged in higher education. By the end of last week, when the Bill finally passed the House, it looked as though this attention had been justified. Amendments had so improved the Bill from the point of view of the universities that there was a universal sigh of relief. The Government, it seemed, had been rescued from the pit it had dug for itself, and government and universities could now collaborate in the raising of educational standards and the fortification of the country's research base.

Only three changes of substance had been made. The Government had accepted an amendment which would prevent universities from acquiring the right (which they did not want) to make economies by sacking senior members of staff and replacing them with less expensive juniors. The Government had resisted an amendment seeking to protect "academic freedom" in a situation where the old safeguard of tenure

would no longer apply, but it lost in the lobbies.

The most important amendment was that dealing with the proposal — never properly spelled out in the Bill, but implicit in both its wording and in ministerial speeches — that in future the universities would receive government money only by way of contracts, not as in the past through general block grants.

Did this mean contracts of a specific kind suitable only for additions to the universities' residential needs, or that a university's entire activities could be subject to the interference which experience leads one to believe is normal where contracts from Whitehall are concerned? Two distinguished former vice-chancellors, Lords Adrian and Swann, moved an amendment to reduce the risk of the latter by replacing the phrase "payments subject to such terms and conditions" by "grants specifying such particular obligations and subject to such general guidance" as the funding council might determine. This amendment was also carried against the Government.

The Lord Chancellor, handling this part of the Bill, gave the House the impression that he thought the change unimportant and hardly worth making. Hence the euphoria. But there was to be a rude awakening; for in the final debate Baroness Hooper, speaking for the Government, said the amendment "would seriously weaken the council's role in securing the high quality provision" all wanted to see, and indicated that the amendment

might well be reversed in the Commons. That is the question ministers now meet to decide.

In making their decision they have to take three things into account. First, to reverse the amendment would confirm the suspicions in the universities that the Government intends to exercise total control, and that it does not believe that higher education can be entrusted to autonomous universities. It would destroy any confidence between the university community and the Government.

Second, it would make a mockery of any professions of confidence in the role of the House of Lords as a revising chamber. Significantly, not a single voice among Conservative backbenchers was raised in the Government's support. Ministers had to conduct the university argument unaided, and by common consent they lost it.

Finally, much has been invested by the Government in the general idea of educational reform. How can this be achieved except in partnership with the universities which a reversal of any of the Lords' amendments would make impossible? Neither the vanity of ministers nor the lust for power of anonymous civil servants should weigh against these considerations.

There are constitutional, moral, political and even, one might add, electoral considerations which Mr Baker should now accept as decisive; and if he will not do so his colleagues must overrule him.

Lord Beloff was formerly principal of the University of Buckingham.

JULY 13 ON THIS DAY 1858

The fact that the manager of the Great Northern Railway gave expert evidence and that *The Times* doubted more than 2,000 words to an inquest after a relatively minor accident in Kent shows the close interest the Victorians took in anything that occurred on the Iron Way.

THE LATE FATAL ACCIDENT ON THE SOUTH-EASTERN RAILWAY

CHILHAM, Monday Evening
This morning, shortly before 11 o'clock, the county coroner, Mr Thomas Thorpe Delassoux, and a respectable jury, under the foremanship of Mr William Howard, resumed the inquiry into the cause of death of Alfred Wood, who was killed at the late fatal accident near the Chilham station of the South-Eastern Railway, on Wednesday, the 30th of June last.

Henry Watly Tyler, of Norfolk-crescent, Hyde Park, Government Inspector of Railways and captain in the Royal Artillery, said:—On Wednesday last I commenced my inquiry into this accident.

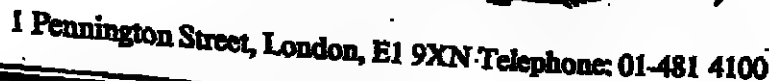
I have examined the curve, and as far as the cant of the rail is concerned, I do not think there would be any danger in travelling at 30 miles an hour round the curve; but in consequence of the way in which the chains are fastened to the sleepers, I do not think such a speed safe. As far as the sharpness of the curve is concerned, the speed of 30 or 40 miles an hour ought to be perfectly safe upon it. I believe the failure of these trenails to have been the cause of the train

leaving the line. Captain Tyler here showed the jury one of the trenails which had been out through.

Mr Seymour Clark (manager of the Great Northern Railway) deposed:—I have a list of 17 curves on the Great Northern lines over which the express trains to Scotland worked daily at a speed from 40 to 50 miles an hour. I never knew of an accident occurring on these curves. I have seen the Chilham curve. I should say it is as safe on the curve as the straight. I should have no objection in running round that curve at from 40 to 50 miles an hour. I consider the cant of the outer rail sufficiently elevated above the inner one, the coned shape of the tire of the wheel and a train also round the curve. I have examined the ballast, I consider very good, and in sufficient quantity to secure safety.

With regard to the trenails, the usual way of constructing railways is to fix the chains with compression cast-iron pins, as on the South-Eastern Railway. The hole is made rather tight, and the trenail is knocked in with a hammer. The expansion of the wood gives tenacity which cannot be met by iron in wood.

The jury returned a verdict of "Accidental death" with a strong recommendation that no train should pass the curve without the whistle blown and the Chilham Station at a rate exceeding 25 miles an hour, and that the road should be carefully attended and kept in good running order and repair, especially the curve.



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July 12: The President of the Republic of Turkey arrived in London today on a State Visit to The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh.

His Excellency arrived at Gatwick Airport, London. The Duke and Duchess of Kent, accompanied by His Excellency the Turkish Ambassador, welcomed The President of the Republic of Turkey on behalf of The Queen.

His Excellency, accompanied by Their Royal Highnesses, travelled by Royal Train to Victoria Railway Station. The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh, with The Prince and Princess of Wales, met The President of the Republic of Turkey at Victoria Station.

His Excellency, accompanied by Her Majesty and His Highness, drove in a Carriage Procession to Buckingham Palace with a Sovereign's Escort of the Household Cavalry, with two Standards.

Gun Salutes were fired in Green Park by The King's Troop, Royal Horse Artillery and from the Tower of London by the Honourable Artillery Company.

Guards of Honour were provided at Gatwick by The Queen's Colour Squadron of the Royal Air Force, at Victoria Station by the 2nd Battalion, Scots Guards and at Buckingham Palace by The Queen's Guard (1st Battalion, Welsh Guards).

The Queen invested His Excellency with the insignia of a Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath. The President of the Republic of Turkey this afternoon drove to Westminster Abbey where His Excellency laid a wreath on the Grave of the Unknown Warrior.

Afterwards at St James's Palace, His Excellency received an Address of Welcome by the Lord Mayor and Councillors of the City of Westminster.

The President of the Republic of Turkey then visited Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother at Clarence House.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh gave a State Banquet this evening in honour of The President of the Republic of Turkey at which Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, The Prince and Princess of Wales, The Prince Edward, the Princess Royal and Captain Mark Phillips, The Duchess of Gloucester, The Duke and Duchess of Kent, Prince and Princess of Michael of Kent and Princess Alexandra, Hon Mrs Angus Ogilvy and Hon Angus Ogilvy were present.

The following day the honour of being invited.

Suite of The President of the Republic of Turkey

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Waiting) and the Viscountess Boyne, Mr Timothy Daint (British Ambassador at Ankara) and Mrs Daint, Lieutenant-Commander Timothy Laurence, RN (Esquary in Waiting).

Ambassadors and High Commissioners

His Excellency the Ambassador of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, His Excellency the Turkish Ambassador and Mrs Gümüşkoculu, His Excellency the High Commissioner for Canada and Mrs McMurtry, His Excellency the Ambassador of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and Madame Calovska, His Excellency the Greek Ambassador and Madame Sathazou, His Excellency the Ambassador of the French Republic and Vicomtesse Luc de la Barre de Nanteuil, Her Excellency the High Commissioner of the Republic of Kenya and Dr Yusuf Nabo, His Excellency the Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan and Begum Najma Shaharyar Khan, His Excellency the Ambassador of Japan and Madame Chiba, His Excellency the Ambassador of the Republic of Venezuela and Senora Ramos de Kerdel.

Members of the Turkish Embassy

Mr Aydin Sahinbas (First Counsellor) and Mrs Sahinbas, Mr Dogan Altan (Consul General), Mr Hasan Gogus (Counsellor).

The Cabinet

The Lord Chancellor and the Lord Mackay of Clashfern, The Prime Minister and Mr Denis Thatcher, The Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs and Lady Howe, The Secretary of State for Scotland, The Lord President of the Council and Mrs Wakeham.

Special Invitations

The Archbishop of Canterbury and Mrs Runcie, The Right Hon the Speaker and Mrs Weatherill, The Earl Marshal and the Duchess of Norfolk, The Duke and Duchess of Buccleuch and Queensberry, The Viscount and Viscountess Camrose, The Lord and Lady Monson, The Lord and Lady Carrington, The Lord Windlesham, The Lord and Lady Cledwyn of Penrhos, The Lord and Lady Prior, The Right Hon the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, The Right Hon David Steel MP and Mrs Steel, The Right Hon Sir Frederic and Lady Bennett, The Right Hon Robin and Mrs Leigh-Pemberton, Admiral Sir James Eberie, Admiral Sir William and Lady Staveley, Air Chief Marshal Sir David and Lady Craig, Sir Derek and Lady Dodson, Sir Patrick and Lady Wright, Dame Marie Park and Mr Sidney Bloch, Sir Denis and Lady Brooke, Sir David and Lady Wilson, Sir Robert and Lady Scholey, Sir Peter and Lady Graham, Sir Peter and Lady Imbert, Major-General and Mrs Anthony Boam, The Lord Mayor of Westminster and Mr Robert Flach, Mr and Mrs Adrian Bines, Mr and Mrs Rafique Faish, Professor and Mrs Martin Harrison, Mr and Mrs Martin Laing, Professor and Mrs Geoffrey Lewis, Mr and Mrs Michael McCrum, Dr and Mrs W.L. Flower, Mr and Mrs John Tusa, Mr and Mrs John Whitney.

The Princess Royal, President of the Missions to Seamen, this morning attended the 1988 Missions to Seamen World Conference in Churchill College, Cambridge.

Her Royal Highness was received on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Cambridgeshire (Mr Michael Bevan).

Miss Victoria Legge-Bourke was in attendance.

The Hon Mary Morrison has succeeded the Lady Elton as Lady in Waiting to The Queen.

Birthdays today

Professor D.S. Brewer, master, Emmanuel College, Cambridge; 63: Mr Ian Campbell, civil engineer; 66: Sir James Craig, diplomat; 66: Sir Moss Evans, trades unionist; 63: Sir Guy Henderson, former Chief Justice of The Bahamas; 91: Sir Philip Jones, chairman, electricity Council; 57: Vice-Admiral Sir Gerard Mansfield; 67: Dr G.T. France, director-designate, Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew; 51: Brigadier Dame Jean Rivett-Drake, former director, WRAC; 79: Sir Alec Rose, yachtman; 80: Mr Patrick Stewart, actor; 48: Mr David Storey, dramatist; 55: Sir Garfield Todd, former Prime Minister of Southern Rhodesia; 80: Professor Sir Bernard Tomlinson, pathologist; 68.

A memorial service for Colonel the Hon Julian Berry will be held in the Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks, on Wednesday, August 3, at noon.

Golden Wedding

Mr and Mrs Arthur Henry Ashford Wynn celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage on July 9.

Luncheon

Inter-Parliamentary Union

Mr Michael Marshall MP, Chairman of the British Group of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, was host at a luncheon held yesterday at the House of Commons in honour of a parliamentary delegation from Italy led by Mr Giorgio Napolitano.

1912 Club

Mr Michael Porillo, MP, was the guest of honour at a dinner of the 1912 Club held yesterday at the House of Commons, by courtesy of Mr David Atkinson, MP, vice-chairman. Mr Roger Sims, MP, chairman, presided and Miss Sonia Copland also spoke.

Holocaust meeting reflects change in Christian attitudes

By Clifford Longley, Religious affairs editor

The international conference on the Nazi Holocaust in Oxford this week marks the first public sign in Britain of the phenomenal expansion in the academic world of "Holocaust studies". The Oxford conference is expected to give considerable impetus to the expansion of this specialist area in British universities. In America, where the expansion is most notable, it is already becoming one of the most popular PhD subjects.

One American academic at the conference said that ten years ago he would have known all the leading figures engaged in the subject, while new publications were now appearing all the time from the subject to take off its part of the raw material for research.

The enormous quantity of literature generated by nearly 700 academics at the Oxford conference, the largest such gathering of its kind so far, is regarded as a unique overview of the present state of the subject, which is still expanding rapidly.

The subject combines history, sociology and theology in a unique way. As at the Oxford conference itself, there are two main branches of inquiry: the study of the conditions which made the Holocaust possible, with particular attention to the rise of antisemitism; and the study of subsequent developments.

Dr Gerhart Riegner, a former secretary general of the World Jewish Congress, praised the progress that had been made in Jewish-Christian relations since the Holocaust, singling out as "a revolutionary development" the Vatican II declaration *Nostra Aetate* of 1965 which declared

that God's covenant with the Jewish people had not been abrogated.

But it raised many new questions for Christianity which had not yet been answered. "What are the theological consequences of that statement? What is in reality the relationship between the 'old' and 'new' promises? What does it mean for a Christian that the 'old' covenant is not abolished?" he asked.

"Without such clarification the statements hangs in the air, remaining without consequences—hence the risk of returning to the doctrine of substitution," — the belief that Christianity "replaced" Judaism.

He said great courage would be required from Christians to face up to anti-Jewish references in the New Testament.

Many Christian Holocaust experts at the conference regarded Professor Eckardt's call for the reinterpretation of the Resurrection as too extreme, and did not accept his argument that that doctrine is a fundamental source of the Christian antisemitic tradition. But even the more conservative scholars said Christianity had to learn to view the Jewish rejection of Jesus in a more positive light.

This is in complete conflict with the established Christian treatment of this issue, which in the past has held Jews up to contempt for this reason.

Today's royal engagements

The Duke of Edinburgh, International Trustee and Founder of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award World Fellowship, will attend the inaugural dinner of the fellowship at St James's Palace at 7.10.

Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother will attend the festival service of the Friends of St Paul's in St Paul's Cathedral at 5.25.

The Prince of Wales will attend a seminar given by the Australian British Chamber of Commerce (UK) at the Inn on the Park Hotel at 11.45.

Prince Edward will take the salute at the Royal Tournament at Earl's Court at 7.30.

The Princess Royal, Patron of the British School of Osteopathy, will present diplomas at the school's annual award ceremony at the Institution of Civil Engineers at 11.00; as President of the Save the Children Fund, will attend the recording and filming of the "Save the Children" single, to be sung by the cast of West End and Broadway musicals, at Abbey Road Studios at 2.15. As President of the Federation Equestre Internationale, she will receive a cheque from Coca-Cola Northern Europe on behalf of the FEI at Pemberton House, Wright's Lane, W8, at 4.00; and as President of the Save the Children Fund, will attend a charity ball given by BPC to launch their appeal for the fund at the Duke of York Headquarters at 8.15.

Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester will visit the Ministry of Defence and the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries (CESRA) at 2.00 to mark their fortieth anniversary, and will open the new extension to the Liverpool branch of the Royal Naval Association Club at Bowling Park Road.

The Duke of Kent, as Vice-Chairman of the British Overseas Trade Board, will visit the Enterprise Workshops in Newark at 10.45; Newark Chamber of Commerce at 1.30; Newark Library at 12.30. He will visit the Fleur de Lys Automobile Manufacturing Company at 1.45; and Tector and Grass Electronic Machines at 2.40. As President of the Royal Choral Society, he will attend a performance of *Die Walküre* at the Albert Hall at 7.00.

Princess Alexandra will attend Annual Day at the Royal School of Music, 63 Roslyn Hill, at 1.45.

Prince Michael of Kent will attend the Army Air Corps Helicopter at Broadlands at noon.

Dinners

Douai Society

The annual dinner of the Douai Society was held on Saturday, July 9, at Douai School. The president, Mr Leopold Antelme, was in the chair and the principal guests were Cardinal Basil Hume, the Abbot and Community of Douai Abbey.

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British Ski Federation

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L'Orchestre du Monde

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Janet Suzman, the actress, with this year's "Woman of Distinction" Anna Scher, who for 20 years has run the Anna Scher Theatre, a drama school devoted to developing the artistic abilities of children from all walks of life. Miss Suzman presented her with the award, made annually by the Jewish Blind Society, in London yesterday (Photograph: Dennis McNeelance).

The Fellowship of Engineering

The 12th Annual General Meeting of The Fellowship of Engineering was held in London yesterday, July 12, 1988, under the Chairmanship of the President, Sir Denis Rooke, CBE, FRS, FEng.

The following were elected as Foreign Members: Dr Pierre Aigrain (France); Dr Ralph Lawton (United States); Prof. Gero Madelung (Germany); Mr John E. Steiner (Australia); Dr Josef Theurer (Austria); Professor Noel A. Warner (Australia).

The Fellowship elected the following 60 new Fellows: Mr James D. Alexander, Mr Dennis Baker, Mr Peter A. Banks, Professor John D. E. Beynon, Mr Robert H. Bond, Dr John V. Brannan, Professor Eric R. Bryant, Mr Peter E. Chamberlain, Mr J. Brian Cook, Professor Anthony R. Cusens, Dr David H. Davies, Professor Graeme J. Davies, Professor John B. Davies, Mr Denis N. W. Earp, Mr

John W. Evans, Mr William H. Everitt, Professor John E. Ffowcs Williams, Mr Edward W. Flaxman, Professor John Garside, Mr Ronald B. Gibbon, Dr Keith W. A. Guy, Mr Terence Harrison, Mr Geoffrey F. Hewlett, Professor Frank S. Height, Mr Keith N. Henry, Dr Neil Hogben, Professor Thomas M. Husband, Mr John C. Judson, Professor Kenneth O. Kemp, Dr John F. Knott, Mr Noel O. E. Lakin, Professor John C. Levy, Mr John C. Macfarlane, Mr Robert J. Margerite, Mr John N. Martin, Mr Michael L. Monaghan, Mr Charles E. H. Morris, Dr Geoffrey K. C. Parcoe, Professor John D. Parsons, Dr Geoffrey A. Pope, Mr David W. Quinn, Mr James N. Randle, Dr John H. Richards, Sir Ralph Robins, Mr Philip C. Ruffles, Mr James B. Sculham, Mr Neville H. Searle, Professor Ivor Smith, Mr John C. Smith, Mr Derek Taylor, Mr David H. Theobald, Professor Denis R. Towill, Mr Peter N. Vernon, Professor Malcolm B. Waldron, Mr John M. Watson, Mr Owen T. Williams, Dr Michael T. Wright, Mr Brian Young, Dr Ian R. Young.

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experience as an arbitrator on the Civil Service Arbitration Tribunal led to *The Social Foundations of Wage Policy* (1955) and her subsequent book, *Incomes Policy in the United Kingdom* (1974). She had written economics out of her system with *Lament for Economics* (1938) and turned to empirical sociology with *Testament for Social Science* (1950).

Barbara Wootton sat as a lay magistrate for nearly half a century and for sixteen years as a chairman of Juvenile Courts in London. From that experience came *Social Science and Social Pathology* (1959) and such other contributions to this field as her incisive Hamlyn Lectures on *Crime and the Criminal Law* (1963). She made a practical contribution to sentencing by inventing the Community Service Order.

She had a distinguished career of public service. She was a member of four Royal Commissions and four Departmental Committees. She was also a member of the Home Office Penal Advisory Council, the Advisory Committee on Drug Dependence and she was Chairman of the Halliengroens Sub-Committee which produced a much published Report on cannabis in 1968, and of the Advisory Council on the Misuse of Drugs.

She sat on the University Grants Committee, was a Governor of the BBC, a member of the National Parks Committee and the first Chairman of the Countryside Commission.

She was one of the four women among the first life peers created in 1958 and became the first woman to sit on the Woolsack as a Deputy-Speaker. She was made a Companion of Honour in 1977.

Her record of public work was remarkable and she once joked that the main committee room in the Home Office was the cell in which she served a life sentence.

She always shifted on to a new phase of the discussion of the social problems which she tackled. She felt a passion to eliminate or reduce artificial and dehumanising inequalities. Throughout her life she rejected revolution as a way forward because she thought the price of the inevitable suffering was too heavy to be paid. A revolutionary in ideas, she always remained a democrat in politics, carrying in her bones an instinct for the future.

She ended her autobiography, *In a World I Never Made* (1967) by challenging the conventional wisdom that holds politics to be the art of the possible. "The limits of the possible constantly shift, and those who ignore them are apt to win in the end. Again and again, I have had the satisfaction of seeing the laughable idealism of one generation evolve into the accepted common-place of the next."

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THE ARTS

Match of the fey



Jackson: squeaky-clean, disembodied and robotic

Prince begged an interviewer seven years ago: "Just don't compare me to Michael Jackson." Few could then have guessed there would ever be a need to. The chance of Prince making it to the same league as Michael seemed slim indeed. And besides, he was being compared to just about every other black music legend, from Little Richard and James Brown to Jimi Hendrix and Sly Stone: why rope Michael into it?

Things rather changed in the summer of 1984, when Jackson's Victory tour with his brothers was embarrassingly eclipsed by the Princemania that grew out of the *Purple Rain* album and film. Suddenly the kinky midwest from Minneapolis, who two years before seemed destined to remain forever outside the pop mainstream, looked like major competition for the world's pre-eminent superstar. To be sure, *Purple Rain*'s 10 million sales were hardly a dent in the 40 million Jackson's *Thriller* had sold, but even Michael Jackson will tell you that sales aren't everything.

Prince wasn't just competition, after all. If anything it was as if an extraordinary inversion of Jackson had crept up behind him and stolen his crown — an impish *doppelgänger* whose campy erotic stage antics made Jackson look too squeaky-clean by half. Prince, moreover, did it all: wrote, sang, arranged, performed and produced music immediately more eclectic and challenging than anything Michael had ever dreamt of. And America's pop youth registered this, recognizing that here was something more fresh and idiosyncratic than the painstakingly crafted tracks of *Thriller*.

Doubtless Quincy Jones, Mi-

Michael Jackson hits Wembley tomorrow.
Hot on his heels is Prince. Barney Hoskyns compares the two eccentric megastars

chael's veteran producer, recognized it too, for in December 1986 he cannily arranged a meeting between the two superstars designed, so rumour has it, to spur Michael into finishing the interminable recording sessions for *Thriller*'s follow-up, *Bad*. There was even talk of Prince — always loath to play second-fiddle to anyone — duetting with Jackson on "Bad" itself. Not much meaningful dialogue ensued, we're told, but the encounter may have had its desired effect. Image-wise, too, Prince probably played an inadvertent part in the restyling of Michael Jackson: his madly flamboyant clothes (or lack of any clothes at all) made Michael look too hygienically glamorous. When the *Bad* circus hit the road in Japan last year, the primary visual motif — improbably for such a fey, androgynous creature — was sub-Mad Max punk rock.

The uneasy symbiosis of Prince's relationship to Jackson is of course rooted in the things they have in common. Both are light-skinned blacks from the Midwest, though how light in Jackson's case is a matter of constant media conjecture; both are sexually ambiguous; and both, with a divine irony, are as neurotically reclusive and introverted in private life as they are exhibitionist in public. Their music straddles all barriers of race and style: as fashioners of dance music, rock and ballads they cannot be typcast.

Both, finally, draw on the same

showbiz and R&B traditions — Broadway musicals, James Brown and Sly Stone, pre-Jackson 5 Tamla Motown stars. In fact, their one encounter prior to the "Bad" rendezvous was on stage at a 1984 James Brown show in Hollywood. (In his autobiography, *The Godfather of Soul*, Brown recalls that "Prince played some guitar, but I think he was a little nervous because Michael fit into my thing a little better since he had been studying me for years.") Later on, says Brown, Prince, too, studied, lying on the floor at the side of the stage and watching Brown's feet.)

The principal difference between the two is that Jackson has been doing it a lot longer than Prince — indeed, he was himself an influence on the young Prince. Programmed to be a one-man entertainment machine from the age of three, he has never known any other life and thus never had any other frame of reference by which to evaluate it. Prince at least had a real childhood and adolescence, and one senses real emotions in his songs that one rarely does in Michael's. Songs on *Thriller* and *Bad* like "Billie Jean", "Beat It" and "Dirty Diana" deal with sex and violence, but it is cartoon sex and TV violence. If Prince's emotional landscape is altogether more baroque and convoluted, at least when lust or tenderness or humour or anger surface in his songs they feel genuine. Similarly, where Prince's sound has an inspired hit-and-miss

quality which comes of breaking all the rules, Jackson's — the creation of Quincy Jones and American's most brilliant players and programmers — is so meticulously sequenced and detailed it makes the singer sound disembodied, cerebral, robotic.

Prince is like a naughty cousin to Michael — a bisexual sprite who makes him look innocent and vulnerable, however mesmerizingly the llama-loving superstar commands the world's stages. Prince would rather do what he pleases and risk commercial failure than play safe the way Michael does. He has even confessed that the multi-platinum *Purple Rain* album was more of an albatross round his neck than anything else. Playing whimsically with all forms of black and white pop, from funk to psychedelia, he has usually got at least one tongue firmly embedded in his cheek. Jackson, by contrast, as the blandly coy tone of his autobiography, *Moonwalk*, makes clear, is a pretty humourless fellow.

At the end of the day, Jackson is for the masses where Prince is for the freaks — or the freak in all of us. Jackson is glitz, Disneyland, a plastic fantasy archangel; Prince is a sly, demonic goblin, a fickle and polymorphous creature who has invented his own game and refuses to play another. He is the Stones to Jackson's Beatles. That, in summary, is why Jackson is playing Wembley Stadium while Prince holds court at the considerably smaller Wembley Arena.

Michael Jackson appears at Wembley Stadium on July 14, 15, 16, 22, 23, Aug 26, 27, Cardiff, July 26; Cork, July 30, 31; Leeds, Aug 28; Milton Keynes, Sept 10; and Aintree, Sept 11. Prince is at Wembley Arena from July 25 to Aug 3. Barney Hoskyns's *Prince: Imp of the Perverse* is published by Virgin (£4.99).



Prince: the naughty cousin, fickle and perverse

Whose babies?

It is not given to many to become national celebrities at the age of two. When Bruna Gonzalez returned to her native Brazil, her bemusement at the ecstatic reception was compounded by the fact that for the previous 18 months she had been brought up in Israel by a childless couple who had paid \$25,000 for her. When a court awarded custody to her natural parents, the baby-snatching gang — scrupulous in its concern for good customer relations — offered a free replacement.

TELEVISION

Going Home (Central) cannibalized an instalment of the latest *Cook Report* series, in which gallant Robin engineered a confrontation between mother and "mother". Last night's update followed the grotesque procedure of both couples booking into separate suites in the Tel Aviv Hilton in order to persuade the tot in question that she was in fact a Portuguese Catholic and not, as she had been led to suppose, an Israeli Jew.

The programme was chiefly remarkable for the absence of the standard scene in which Cook tells someone to leave his cameraman alone. Mothers of the world may have united in wishing to tell the masses lenses to leave the child alone. The almost unceasing lack of privacy suggested, as had the original piece, that the viewer was supposed to be impressed by the power of television.

Susan Osman, a rather more personable version of Cook, was denied her moment of confrontational glory in *4 What If's Worth* (Channel 4) when the satellite cowboys under investigation proved to have upped sticks. It is little wonder that the booming business of installing satellite dishes should attract dodgy operators, but when these dishes proceed to topple off roofs in light breezes, public health is clearly at hazard.

Another segment had a couple of bought-in filthpackets preparing for a dinner party by sneezing over an unwhipped chicken, reheating cooked rice and allowing a beef joint to drip blood onto mayonnaise. This was, happily enough, a how-not-to routine.

Martin Cropper

The vérités of cinema

Just over a decade ago, the Australians went into overdrive with film production, acquired a high foreign profile, in the way that national film industries tend to do for a decade or so, and suddenly everyone was talking things Australian; the country was the world's "best kept secret". *Picnic at Hanging Rock* was "stunningly beautiful" and Gough Whitlam ceased to find that his place card at the dinner table on foreign trips was labelled "Austrian Prime Minister". None of this happened by accident, any more than the German film renaissance of the 1970s (Herzog, Fassbinder, Wenders) occurred by accident. A high level of government subvention for project development, along with considerable funding and aid from TV stations, was the recipe; and while a high level of aid and incentive is still the norm throughout Europe, it has gone quiet in the Australian camp since the Government withdrew its support.

At no time throughout its ragged stop-go history could the British film industry be said to have had a successful renaissance, but the lesson from abroad is obvious. In recent years much has been achieved at the low budget end of the market through the good offices of C4's film division. But with the Government's withdrawal of the old Eady Levy and Capital Allowances, the future looks not so much bleak as empty.

The hardest part of any film is raising the initial development money; that part of the budget required to pay the script writer, re-work the script, chivvy directors and cast into place. Traditionally, British film makers relied on the old NFFC and NFDC (National Film Finance Corporation and National Film Development Fund) for seed money. These bodies have been replaced by British Screen, which, since the Government withdrew the last remaining public money, is now funded by a trioka consisting of Cannon, C4 and Granada. The recent sale of EMI studios by Cannon is just another hiccup in the long line of failures and broken promises that have characterized this company since it took over Thorn/EMI. Industry observers believe that it is possible they will at some time withdraw their support for British Screen.

There is, however, another film body, the BFTPA (British Film

Chris Peachment looks at our ailing cinema and the lessons we could learn from abroad



Otto Plaschke: "I am quite happy to teach how it all works to anyone"

and Television Producers Association — Alan Parker should do a cartoon venting some of his spleen on all these acronyms — which is 50 years old this year, and has just acquired Otto Plaschke (Cannon's former Head of Creative Affairs Europe) as its head.

He is currently worried that there is no one giving representation to the Government for British film. "A report came out last week, all about the likely effects of Channels Five and Six, but still there is nothing on the state of the film industry. For some reason the Government does not distinguish between film production and TV production, and so the one is *de facto* subsumed within the other. It is as if someone was to proclaim that, because poetry and drama both use words, then there is no difference between the two."

video market. In France, TV channels have been forbidden from running more than two movies a week in order to get people back into the movie houses. This is interventionist, but then so is our own Government when it suits it. Moreover the French, and the rest of Europe, take subvention as axiomatic. Our cinema is part of our heritage, our culture and our enterprise; and if you think that sentence would read better in French, then you ought to be wondering why such words as "culture" are embarrassing to the British as well as carrying no weight at all in governmental circles.

As we are continually reminded, 1992 approaches. Is there any prospect of an open market on cinema funding and some kind of co-production dealing becoming available? Plaschke says: "I have already approached the French, and been told in so many words 'Forget it, if you think you are going to get a share of our money.' Indeed, why should an English film maker be viewed — sympathetically by a French producer. On the other hand it is supposed to be an open market."

It is arguable whether British film could be said to have a history, in the continuous sense in which we understand the word. Still it struggles along in its yo-yo way, and can boast several recent Oscars. "Chariots of Fire" was under the Capital Allowances scheme, *Gandhi* by direct intervention from the Indian Government. Plaschke says, underlining his general argument, "Harold Wilson was the last politician to take any interest in the film industry. We have had seven 'Film Ministers' in the last 10 years. Just as they come to understand the whole equation they are shuffled on. As an ex-teacher, I am only too happy to teach how it all works to anyone who wants to know. I only wish they wouldn't vanish afterwards. If the Prime Minister called a seminar at No 10 over film — in the way that she did recently over broadcasting — and examined the issues with its practitioners, then she would come to some different conclusions."

I think what we have here, to echo the prison guard in *Cool Hand Luke*, is a breakdown in communications.

Crowning glories

OPERA

L'Incoronazione di Poppea
Christchurch
Spitalfields

In Clifford Bartlett's apparently uncut edition of the Venetian manuscript, Monteverdi's last opera unfolds in Wagnerian lengths, and the *Coronation of Poppea* is more than ordinarily delayed by foreplay: for four hours, majestic music staves off its own demise, each duet putting off as long as possible, with echoes and ornaments, the consummation of a final union.

Vocal existence here is all, and in the present manner the edition provides for relatively discreet accompaniments for keyboards, lutes and a few strings, the ensemble directed by Richard Hickox.

It also helps the singers luxuriate that they should be close to the audience, although in-the-round performance holds problems in opera: only James Bowman, the splendid and soft-textured Ottonio of this cast, can be heard clearly when he turns away.

The intimacy is also an

embarrassment to the costume designer, whose flowing, vaguely period clothes are run up in glaringly modern and cheap-looking materials.

What also causes distress is the variable quality of the singing. Apart from Bowman, there is an excellent Seneca in Gregory Reinhart, who makes everything he sings both natural and important: he is an old Roman, not always lyrical in his staccato, among a crew of decadent sensualists.

Chief among the latter party are Ariens Auger's teasing, mature Poppea, reminding us that this was an older woman playing for a boy, and Della Jones's Nerone, whose womanhood goes wisely undisguised in the richness of her singing as in her person.

Juliet Booth's delicious Valerio is a young creature heading the same way, and there is also fine singing from John Graham Hall and Brian Bannatyne-Scott.

Stefan Janski's production takes advantage of all the opportunities for physical as well as vocal caressing: even the Lucan-Nero scene becomes fully erotic, with Jones contriving to sing goldenly through mouthfuls of peach, lying on her back in the poet's arms.

Paul Griffiths

JAZZ

Gillespie/Mangione
Festival Hall

On paper, this double bill always seemed an unlikely way to launch the annual JVC/Capital Jazz Parade. Certainly, whoever thought Dizzy Gillespie's admirers would be interested in the faded man, drenched in a dark room and fanned the flugelhornist's new LP, *Eyes Of The Veiled Temptress*.

Mangione was an Art Blakey sideman in the mid-1960s. Since then, his dabblings with pop techniques have transformed him into something resembling a jazz equivalent of Barry Manilow. In his fashionably baggy suit and floppy hat, he strolls around the stage emitting ripe clusters of notes, Miles Davis-style, over a lush, laid-back rhythm section.

Around half an hour into his set, he disappeared into the wings, prompting hopes that the concert

might be curtailed. Unfortunately, he was soon back, this time serenading the audience from the middle of the stalls. As there just happened to be a glamorous brunette sitting nearby, we were then treated to an impromptu waltz.

After the interval, Dizzy Gillespie put his big hand through its paces without undue exertion. Now that he has turned 70, no one should expect him to recapture the magic of the 1940s, but it is still poignant to see him hand over the high-note routines to Jon Faddis and the other members of the trumpet section.

Opening with an extract from Lalo Schiffrin's *Gillespiana*, the orchestra slipped into gear on "Emanon", with Faddis and his colleagues again to the fore. If the evening then lost momentum, it was partly due to the leader's usual over-long speeches, partly to an unimpressive choice of material: surely both "Romeo and Juliet" and "Night In Tunisia" have more or less reached the end of the road.

Clive Davis

CONCERT

Alfred Brendel
St John's

For its last lunchtime recital of the season in Smith Square, the BBC served up a special dish: Alfred Brendel playing Beethoven's *Diabelli Variations*. The event drew a capacity audience which included a lone pigeon, who flapped self-importantly and a little noisily around the ceiling but, mercifully, chose not to swoop down on the piano.

Not that Brendel would have been even momentarily distracted, for he gave a performance of utter concentration and magisterial authority. If he seemed to emphasize one aspect of the 33 variations above any other, it was perhaps the way they appear to progress from lumpy vigour and humour, through contemplation and flurries of virtuosic bravura, to the sublime integration of the final

minuet. In the opening variations, for instance, he rightly refrained from softening the granite — sforzandos were robustly hit, grace-notes were crushed into line with exhilarating roughness.

But as the work developed, so Brendel revealed more facets of his mastery: the nimble technical brilliance that properly turned the *Presto* variations into gloriously resonant cascades of figuration; the superb judgement of mood that allowed him to run the spectacular fireworks of No 23 straight into the most veiled, monastic and subtly nuanced account of the slow *Fughetta* one could wish to hear.

Best of all, Brendel exhibited his unmatched control in slow music — weighting and shading chords exactly according to their context, bringing tautness and a sense of questing momentum even to the profuse ornamentation of the great chromatic variation 31, or the slowly-building dotted rhythms of 14. I hope our feathered friend enjoyed it, too.

Richard Morrison

Dowfall
Theatre Upstairs

In Victorian times, the problem painting was always popular art lovers gathered in front of the canvas and asked themselves why the grizzled mariner stared aghast at the letter crumpled between his careworn fingers, or what guilty secret caused the young woman to tear at her crimson tresses.

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Jeremy Kingston

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★ **CROCODILE DUNDEE II** (PG): Disappointing sequel to the first, with Paul Hogan repeating his role as the king of the outback (112 min). Cannon Baker Street (01-935 9772). Progs 1.25, 3.45, 5.10, 8.30.

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★ **A BRIGHT ROOM CALLED DAY**: Sam Jackson. Bush Theatre, Shepherd's Bush Green, W12 (01-743 3388). Tube: Shepherd's Bush. Preview until July 17, 8pm. Opens July 18, 7pm, closed July 19, but then Tues-Sun 8pm, 25.

★ **BUSMAN'S HONEYMOON**: Dorothy L. Sayers's own adaptation of her thriller, with husband and wife team Edward Petherbridge and Emily Richard as the newly married Lord and Lady Peter Wimsey. Lyric Theatre, King Street W6 (01-741 2111). Tube: Hammersmith. Preview until Sat 7.45pm, with mat on Wed 2.30pm, and Sat 2.30pm. Opens July 19, 7pm, then Mon-Sat 7.45pm, mat Wed 2.30pm and Sat 2.30pm. Preview 25.

★ **THE COMMON PURSUIT**: New cast takes over leading roles in Simon Gray's play tracing the fortunes of underclass friends. Phoenix Theatre, Charing Cross Road, EC2 (01-836 2294). Tube: Tottenham Court Road. Mon-Thurs 8-10.15pm, Fri and Sat 8.15-11pm, mat Fri and Sat 6-8.15pm, 25-£14.50.

★ **DOWNFALL**: A close look at contemporary urban life by Gregory Motton, highly promising author of *Amplified*. Theatre Upstairs, Royal Court Theatre, Sloane Square, SW1 (01-730 2554). Tube: Sloane Square. Mon-Thurs 8-10.15pm, Fri and Sat 8.15-11pm, mat Sat 6-8.15pm, 25-£13.50.

★ **THE FOREIGNER**: Patchy comedy. Tom Wats as a timid tourist in the US struck dumb with nerves. Albery Theatre, St Martin's Lane WC2 (01-836 3878). Tube: Leicester Square. Mon-Thurs 8-10.15pm, Fri and Sat 8.15-11pm, mat Sat 6-8.15pm, 25-£13.50.

★ **THE MERCHANT OF VENICE**: Unfamiliar Shylock by Anthony Sher in Bill Alexander's acclaimed production. Barbican Theatre, Barbican Centre EC2 (01-638 8891). Tube: Moorgate/Barbican/St Paul's. Tonight and tomorrow 7.30-10.30pm, 25-£15.

★ **SOPHIA TOWNE**: Moving musical tribute to the "Chicago of South Africa", culled out of existence in 1955 and recreated by the Junction Avenue Theatre of Johannesburg. Hampstead Theatre, Swiss Cottage, NW3 (01-722 9301). Tube: Swiss Cottage. Preview tonight 8-10pm, opens tomorrow 7-9pm, then Mon-Sat (but not July 18) 8-10pm, mat Sat 4.30-6.30pm, 25-£7.50.

★ **STARLIGHT HOTEL**: PG: A young girl crosses New Zealand to find her father, after being left with relatives during the depression (83 min). Cannon Tottenham Court Road (01-638 6148). Progs 2.35, 5.20, 8.00.

★ **WINGS OF DESIRE** (15): Wim Wenders's epic tale of two angels watching over the citizens of Berlin (127 min). @ Gate (01-727 4043). Progs 1.00, 3.25, 5.00, 8.45.

★ **LUMIERE** (01-836 0661). Progs 1.00, 3.30, 5.00, 8.35.

WORD-WATCHING

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ABAXIAL

(c) Of the centre line, eccentric from the Latin *ab* off + *axis* axle: "I mime and burlesque my own nature in an abaxial attempt to get it clear."

IANBINE

(c) Violet-coloured, from the Greek *ian* violet + *baine* to bathe: "Who sees in the muddled confusion upon hectic yellow leaves lustrous eyes."

LÉTHOLOGICA

(c) The inability to remember the recent past. Kushner is the latest in a long line of American writers introduced by the Bush Theatre: others include James McLure, Kurt Vonnegut and Beth Henley. This is the first of his plays to reach the British stage after its first performance by the Eureka Theatre in San Francisco.

BIG STICK

(c) US firefighters' slang for an extending aerial ladder, beloved by directors of slapstick silent movies and, no doubt, secondaries and those whose houses are on fire.



Tony Kushner (above) is the author of a new play opening at the Bush tonight (see listing). As part of an American series of plays called *American Frontiers*, *A Bright Room Called Day* is set in pre-Hitler Berlin and confronts the historical events of the recent past. Kushner is the latest in a long line of American writers introduced by the Bush Theatre: others include James McLure, Kurt Vonnegut and Beth Henley. This is the first of his plays to reach the British stage after its first performance by the Eureka Theatre in San Francisco.



Songs from down under

In conjunction with the "Angry Penguins" exhibition at the Hayward Gallery three early evening concerts of Australian music are being given at the Queen Elizabeth Hall and Purcell Room today, Friday and next Wednesday. The exhibition, named after the magazine *Angry Penguins*, is of paintings done in wartime Melbourne, including Sydney Nolan's first Ned Kelly series and Albert Tucker's "Images of Modern Evil" sequence. The concerts, collectively titled "Songs of the Sun", are given by such groups as Pegasus and the Royal Northern College of Music Wind Ensemble, and range widely. But they are dominated by the wayward genius of Percy Grainger (above right), and tonight's programme begins with his *The Power of Rome* and the *Christian Heart*, ends with Hill Song No 1, by general consent one of his most remarkable pieces. Probably the Grainger masterpiece, however, is his extended ballet, *The Warriors*, which is to be heard on Friday in a transcription for keyboards, using piano, electric piano, harpsichord and celeste. The most interesting living Australian composer is Peter Sculthorpe (above left), who is represented by his *Sun Music* next Wednesday. Also present are items by Richard Meale, Barry Conyngham and Brian Howard. Queen Elizabeth Hall, Purcell Room, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, or 01-928 8800). Today, Friday, Wednesday July 20, 6pm, £4. Max Harrison

CONCERTS

LUNCHTIME

★ **DELOS DUMKAL**: The Delos Quartet plays Debussy's *Quintet*, a programme of Mendelssohn, the *Quatuor* D 703 by Schubert and Frank Bridge's setting of *St Roger de Conques*. St John's, Smith St, London SW1 (01-222 1061). 7.30pm, £3-£10.

EVENING

★ **THOMSON TUNES**: Bryden Thomson conducts the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra in Tchaikovsky's 1812 Overture, Smetana's *Ma Vlast*, Smetana's *Ma Vlast* No 1 (Pavilions, soloist and Sibelius's *Swan of Tuonela*. Town Hall, Birmingham (021 236 3889). 7.30pm, £3-£10.

★ **NODA NOTES**: After Schubert's *Impromptu* D 934, the Noda Quartet plays Mozart's *Violin Concerto No 1* (Pavilions, soloist and Sibelius's *Swan of Tuonela*. Town Hall, Birmingham (021 236 3889). 7.30pm, £3-£10.

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WALKS

A JOURNEY THROUGH DICKENS'S LONDON: meet Entertainment tube, 11am, £2.50 (also next Wed).

LEGAL LONDON - INSIDE THE LAW

COURTS: meet Holborn 2pm, £2.50 (also next Wed).

CITY OF YORK: meet Tourist

Information Centre, Exhibition Square, 10.30am and 2.30pm, free.

TALKS

OLIVER CROMWELL: Lecture by John Cooper, head of Education at the gallery. National Portrait Gallery, Trafalgar Square, London WC2. 1.10pm, free.

FRENCH PAINTINGS FROM THE USSR

Gallery lecture by Colin Wiggins on the works of Chagrin and Gerasimov. National Gallery, Lower Floor Theatre, Trafalgar Square, London WC2 (01-836 3321). 1pm, free.

OTHER EVENTS

AFRICAN RELIEF CHARITY AUCTION: Among the items to be auctioned tonight, 12 "carpets of war" woven by refugees in Harar, a signed cricket bat made for Ian Botham and his wife, Susan. Auctioneers: Sotheby's, 100 Strand, London WC2. 7.30pm, £400-£600 (incl. 10% buyer's fee).

ROYAL TOURNAIMENT: Opening night

of one of our most spectacular entertainments by the armed forces - show jousting, mock battles and other displays of skill, arms - all in aid of Service charities. Earls Court Exhibition Centre, Warwick Road, London SW5 (01-873 8141).

PAUL ROGERS: New resident in New

York, the bassist performs a duo alongside saxophonist Paul Durrant. Theatre, 47 Old Town, London SW4 (01-822 4860). 8.30pm, £3.

CLAREMONT SET: Open air life on a

"Toughy" landscape, set in the heart of London, Paris and Vienna. Musical entertainment, refreshments. Claremont Landscape Garden, Old Portsmouth Road, Esher, Surrey (01-832 5722). Today, tomorrow 7.30pm, £2.50-£3.50.

BIRMINGHAM HALL: Opening of the

historic National Trust property, provides an opportunity to see partially from the National Portrait Gallery, explore the garden, tomorrow 7.30pm, £2.50.

BOOKINGS

FIRST CHANCE

BARBICAN IN AUGUST: Highlights include Frances Vaughan 40 years in show business, celebration, Madeline Cossack, Spanish and Vietnamese musicians, and the Little and the Big Top, Valley Road, Scarborough (01723 500712). 7.30-9.45pm.

ROYAL EXCHANGE: Season ticket

booking open for autumn/winter season, with preview of *Macbeth* and *Antony and Cleopatra*. Royal Exchange, St Ann's Square, Manchester M4 3BS (01-628 8881).

LEEDS PLAYHOUSE: Subscription

booking open for autumn season, with *Macbeth* and *Antony and Cleopatra*. Leeds Playhouse, Calverley St, Leeds LS2 4RT (0113 442111).

LAST CHANCE

LOHENGGRIN: Last performance this season by Royal Opera of Wagner's opera with Edward Borchers and Cheryl Soder. Joffrey Tate conducts. English National Opera, Covent Garden, London WC2 (01-240 1068/1071).

ANOTHER OBJECTIVITY: Recent

international photography by Robert Adams, Herman Holzer, Thomas Struth, Peter Tomasi, Ende Sten.

The Mall, London, SW1 (01-836 3847).

Theatre: Jeremy Kingston, Film:

Geoff Brown, Kingston: Max Harrison: Opera: Hilary Finch; Music: David Smith; Jazz: Clive Davis; Dance: David Taylor; Theatre: David Lee; Walks: and Talia; Grete Carls; Other: Eusebio Judy Frohau; Bookings: Anne Whitehouse.

ROCK

★ **MARY COUGHLAN**: Early Irish singer who serves up a spiced cocktail of folk, jazz and rock. Mean Fiddler, 28a Hartsden High Street, London NW10 (01-961 5490). Mon, 12, for three nights.

★ **OZZY OSBOURNE**: One of the least-inspired wild men of rock now playing in somewhat reduced circumstances. Youth & Country, 9-17 Highgate Road, London NW5 (01-267 3334). 8pm, £2.50, for two nights.

★ **DESMOND DEKKER**: "Israelites" and "It's a Sin" star, now rather a hammy revival act. Upstairs at the Boston Arms, 179 Junction Road, London N1 (01-272 3411). 8pm, £4.

★ **THE COMMON PURSUIT**: New cast takes over leading roles in Simon Gray's play tracing the fortunes of underclass friends. Phoenix Theatre, Charing Cross Road, EC2 (01-836 2294). Tube: Tottenham Court Road. Mon-Thurs 8-10.15pm, Fri and Sat 8.15-11pm, mat Fri and Sat 6-8.15pm, 25-£14.50.

★ **DOWNFALL**: A close look at contemporary urban life by Gregory Motton, highly promising author of *Amplified*. Theatre Upstairs, Royal Court Theatre, Sloane Square, SW1 (01-730 2554). Tube: Sloane Square. Mon-Thurs 8-10.15pm, Fri and Sat 8.15-11pm, mat Sat 6-8.15pm, 25-£13.50.

★ **THE FOREIGNER**: Patchy comedy. Tom Wats as a timid tourist in the US struck dumb with nerves. Albery Theatre, St Martin's Lane WC2 (01-836 3878). Tube: Leicester Square. Mon-Thurs 8-10.15pm, Fri and Sat 8.15-11pm, mat Sat 6-8.15pm, 25-£13.50.

★ **THE MERCHANT OF VENICE**: Unfamiliar Shylock by Anthony Sher in Bill Alexander's acclaimed production. Barbican Theatre, Barbican Centre EC2 (01-638 8891). Tube: Moorgate/Barbican/St Paul's. Tonight and tomorrow 7.30-10.30pm, 25-£15.

★ **SOPHIA TOWNE**: Moving musical tribute to the "Chicago of South Africa", culled out of existence in 1955 and recreated by the Junction Avenue Theatre of Johannesburg. Hampstead Theatre, Swiss Cottage, NW3 (01-722 9301). Tube: Swiss Cottage. Preview tonight 8-10pm, opens tomorrow 7-9pm, then Mon-Sat (but not July 18) 8-10pm, mat Sat 4.30-6.30pm, 25-£7.50.

★ **STARLIGHT HOTEL**: PG: A young girl crosses New Zealand to find her father, after being left with relatives during the depression (83 min). Cannon Tottenham Court Road (01-638 6148). Progs 2.35, 5.20, 8.00.

★ **WINGS OF DESIRE** (15): Wim Wenders's epic tale of two angels watching over the citizens of Berlin (127 min). @ Gate (01-727 4043). Progs 1.00, 3.25, 5.00, 8.45.

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TELEVISION AND RADIO

BBC-

ITV/LONDON

The making of Nina

TELEVISIC CHOICE

● I suspect that if *Strange Interlude* (Channel 4, 9.00pm) were written now, it would be dismissed as soap opera and served up as a mini-series with Joan Collins. In fact, it was written in 1928, won a Pulitzer Prize for its author, Eugene O'Neill, and is being served up as a mini-series with Glenda Jackson. She plays the tragically unfulfilled Nina Leeds, whose downward spiral is set off by the death of her fiancé, Gordon, in an air crash two days before the end of the First World War. Understandably upset, she has a nervous breakdown. Her mood is not helped by her father's suggestion that he had done his best to save the man and was glad when Gordon died. "When Gordon died, all men died," declares Nina, but working as a hospital nurse she has a series of affairs with her patients before being persuaded by kindly Doctor Edmund that the best thing for her is to marry and have children. She duly marries and becomes pregnant but since there are another three hours of this saga to go we can plausibly guess that she will not live happily ever after. The bombshell comes from mother-in-law, who says life is insanity in a madhouse and tells Nina she must about the best. She also proposes that Nina should have a child by another man and convince her husband that it is his. And who should be the real father but... Played as melodrama, with all the stops out, *Strange Interlude* would have a certain racy fascination. But O'Neill was a serious writer, above such vulgarities. He let the big events happen off stage and has his characters talk endlessly about them after-



High class soap? Glenda Jackson stars as the tragic Nina in a three-part adaptation of Eugene O'Neill's play (C4, 9.00pm)

wards. As Glenda Jackson said in an interview: "O'Neill writes speeches, not dialogue." The problem for a television adaptation is to transpose O'Neill's theatricality into an intimate, naturalistic medium. It is a tension which runs throughout Herbert Wise's production without quite being resolved.

● **Disappearing World** (ITV, 9.00pm) returns for its umpteenth series with a programme about the whale

A straw in the wind?

RADIO CHOICE

● The arrival on Radio 1: tonight of what you could loosely call a soap opera is a watershed happening that is only marginally less inconceivable than a Bach oratorio on Radio 1. Is Blood and Bruises (Radio 3, 7.05pm) the first crack in a dyke that has long held back the sparkling waters of light entertainment? Is this the end of civilization as we know it? Time — and Radio 3's autumn schedules — will tell. For the present, let's give a guarded welcome to the phenomenon of Colin McLaren's six-part comedy series about a street theatre collective which tries to rise, phoenix-like, from the ashes of a failed experiment in taking modern minstrelsy to the ranks of the Great Expectations. Cheerfully ignored in the gloomy prediction that alternative theatre is dead and that if the public feels it being exploited these days, does not need minstrels.



Bernard Cribbins: a talented and fine actor (R4, 3.00pm)

Oliver (Benjamin Whitrow), a polytechnic lecturer who masterminded an improvised documentary about building the M25 (Steven Harold), and a Glaswegian girl fleeing a Tolkienesque environment (Caroline Guthrie).

● **Jimmie Chinn's monologue** *A Different Way Home* (Radio 4, 3.00pm) is indistinguishable from Alan Bennett's *Talking Heads* on BBC Television – a whole world of people conjured up by a solo voice; the foundation-rocking dramas of everyday life tucked away in a mass of trivial recollection. Bernard Cribbins, long denied this chance to prove what a fine actor he is, is the bereaved son looking back over his unspectacular existence, nipping up the side-streets of memory from time to time but always coming back to the main road of his mother's last day on earth. I found it immensely sad, wistfully funny, and very true to life.

Peter Davallé

Radio 4

LW (long wave) (ts) Stereo on VHF
5.55 Shipping Forecast: 6.00
 News Briefing: Weather:
 6.10 Farming Today: 6.25
 Program for the Day (ts)
6.30 Today, Incl: 6.30, 7.30,
8.30 News Summary: 6.45
Business News: 6.55, 7.35
Weather: 7.00, 8.00 News
7.25, 8.25 Sport 7.45
Thought for the Day: 8.35
 Yesterday in Parliament
 8.40 Your Letters 8.57
 Weather: Travel
9.00 News
9.05 Midweek: Ronald Eyn's
 guests includes fashion
 designer Bruce Oldfield who
 is interviewed by former-
 model Marie Helvin.
10.00 News; Gardeners' Question
 Time from Leominster and
 District Gardening Club in
 Hereford (r)
10.30 Morning Story: The
 Weighing Up written and
 read by Angela Ruth
10.45 Service (ts)
11.00 News; Travel: Pillars of
 Society: Hugh Pryor-Jones
 investigates the ecological
 society of London
11.47 Enquire Within: Dilly Barlow
 tackles listeners' questions
12.00 News; You and Yours:
 Personal news and advice
 with John Buckley
12.28 A Change in the Weather
 (new series): An unlikely
 adventure for two innocent
 Stroud ladies by Eric
 Pringle. With Peter Craze,
 John Hollis, Dilly Laye,
 Polly James, Norman
 and Richard Tate (ts) 12.55
 Weather
1.00 The World At One: With
 Nick Marnock
1.40 The Archers (1:55
Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Woman's Hour:
 Includes an interview with
 Eve Pollard, only the second
 woman to edit a national
 newspaper; plus a feature
 on dual career families and
 the strains caused by
 couples that both go out to
 work
3.00 News: A Different Way
Home: Play by Jimmie
 Chinn with Bernard Cribbins
 (ts) (see Choice)
3.45 Interview: George
 MacBath talks to Orkney
 poet George Mackay Brown
 about his life and poetry
4.00 News
4.05 News: 4: Felicity Goody
 reports on Skiersdale, East
 England's only new town
 which has not prospered
 during the last 20 years

4.48 Kaleidoscope Extra: A week
 in the life of struggling
 writers Jacqui Kallis and Nick
 Harrett. How do they
 scratch a living from their
 art? (r)
5.00 5.00 Shipping Forecast:
5.55 Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News; Financial
Report
6.30 Quote: Unquote: Quiz
 hosted by Nigel Rees and
 played by Humphrey
 Lytton, Martin Jarvis,
 Gorma O'Connor and Dr
 Stefan Buczacki (ts)
7.00 News
7.25 The Archers
7.30 Business (new series):
 Peter Day reports on
 initiative, enterprise and
 innovation in the
 commercial world (r)
7.45 Talking Theatre: Robert
 Cushman in conversation
 with Mike Alford (ts)
8.10 The Doctors: Eight
 programmes recording
 three weeks in the lives of
 a group of Litchfield (ts)
8.45 Soaps and Saddlebacks:
 Colin Tudor discovers how
 and why a large number of
 domestic livestock breeds
 have nearly been lost in the
 face of commercial
 pressure. But he also meets
 scientists and farmers who
 believe that the preservation
 of these animals is essential
 to the future of agriculture
 (ts) (r)
9.15 The Americans: Last
 of eight portraits: Rubens
 Barbosa, an ambassador
 living in Brasilia (ts)
9.45 Kaleidoscope: The
 ravages of the *Assignment*
 by Friedrich Dürrenmatt at
Blooper & Lulu at the
 Liverpool Playhouse; plus
 features on the film
 Academy 5: an interview
 with Catherine Lampert, the
 new director of Whitechapel
 Art Gallery; and a report of
 Cherash's *Hamlet* at the
 Avignon Festival
10.15 A Book at Bedtime: And
 I Did by Malachi Whitaker
 of 8) 10.25 Weather
10.30 The World Tonight:
 The 1980s: The Musical World
 Tonight
11.30 Today in Parliament
12.00 News 12.20 Weather
12.25 Shipping Forecast
VHF as above except 1.55-
2.00pm Continuing Order: 5.50-
5.55 PM (continued) 11.30-
12.00pm Open University: 11.5
Modern Art: Under attack
Sales: 11.50pm Expression in
Classical Music

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Radio 3

1.00 News
1.05 Concert Hall: Live recital:
Noemy Belinkaya (piano)
Alayabyev (The Nightingale)
Rachmaninoff (Elegy, Op. 3)
and Paganini (Violin No. 4); Liszt (Petrarch Sonnet No 104 in E; and Fugues, Harmonies, Poésies et romances)
7. Ruchmaninov (Deux études tableaux in G minor, Op 33 No 5; Variations, Op 39 No 5; Variations (Concert paraphrase on Rigoleto)
2.00 Interpretations on Record:
Paul Gribittis compares recordings of Schoenberg's First Chamber Symphony
3.00 Vintage Years: Detroit String Quartet
Paul Parsy performs Chabrier (Rhapsody; and Espana); Chausson (Symphony in B flat; and Ravel (La Valse)
4.00 Choral Evensong: Live at Westminster Abbey
5.00 Unusually for Radio 3: Newsworthy wedding music presented by Michael Berkeley
6.30 Music for Guitar: Vladimir Mikulka plays Brouwer (Elogio de la danza); Albi (Leyenda) and Koshkin (Porcelain Tower)
7.00 News
7.05 Blood and Bruises (new series); by Colin McLaren (See Choices)
7.30 Some Philharmonic Orchestra: Emil Tabakov conducts Khachatryan (Spartacus Suite No.1); Bruch (Violin Concerto in G minor); and Glass (Symphony No.4 in E flat). With Stokka Milanova (violin), includes 8.25 Interval receding: English Railt reads from "The Alkimitant -- its Landscapes and Culture"
9.10 William Byrd: Christopher Farr (harpsichord) plays "Missa and Gallia"; in minor: Fortuna; Pavane (Canon 2 in 1); The Bells and Prelude and Fanzes. A minor
9.45 Spectrum: Fourth in a series of six science programs presented by Colin Turvey reports on chemists at their test tubes, and how creatures' sex is chosen
10.30 Choralist: Querset No. 7: F. Lindsey String Quartet (Petr. Chopin's Suite for viola, violin, Robin L Smith, and Bernard Grogan Smith, cello)
11.00 Composers of the West: Shostakovich Suite "The Age of Gold"; Sviridov No 3 (The First of May); Tea for Two (Tahiti Tea)

Radio

MW (Medium Wave) Stereo on VHF (see below).
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6.40 **Cowbell** **AM**
6.40 **Edgar Kennedy in 70 Fix It**
(b/w). **6.55** **Weather.**

7.00 **Breakfast Time** with **Jeremy Paxman** and **Kirsty Wark**. Includes national and international news at **7.00**, **7.30**, **8.00** and **8.30**; weather at **7.25**, **7.55** and **8.25**; regional news and travel reports at **7.27**, **7.57** and **8.27**. **8.58** Regional news and weather.

9.00 **News** and weather.

9.05 **Big First Thing** begins with **The Big Breakfast Show** (**r**). **9.25** **Record Breakers** includes an attempt to form the world's largest conga line (**r**). **9.30** **Laurel and Hardy** (**r**).

10.00 **News** and weather followed by **The Really Wild Show**. **Terry Nation** takes **11-year-old Ben Cole** **Florida** to meet the only baby killer whose identity (**r**) is **10.30** **Pier School** presented by **Elizabeth Watts** and **Wayne Jackson** (**r**). **10.55** **Five to Eleven**. **Maya Angelou** with a reading.

11.00 **News** and weather followed by **11.10** **505 SOS** from **Campton** (**b/w**). **Episode** three of the 12-part **cinthanger** serial starring **Ralph Byrd** and **Bela Lugosi**. **11.30** **Take Nobody's Word** for **Explanations** of the science behind theme park rides at **Alton Towers**; and the life and work of **Michael Faraday** (**r**).

12.00 **News** and weather followed by **The London Party**. **Today's** guests **at the Glasgow International** are **Gordon** **Festival** include **Roddy Llewellyn**, **Stephane Grappelli** and **Martin Taylor**. **12.55** **Regional** news and weather.

1.00 **Click** **News** with **Chris Michael Buerk**. **Weather** **1.30** **Neighbours**. **Paul** receives good news for once; and **Lucy** packs her bags for **France**.

1.50 **EastEnders**. **Episode** one of a two-part **1984** gold miners' rebellion, starring **Bryan Brown** and **Bill Hunter** (**r**).

3.30 Paddles Up. The ladies' heat of the white water canoeing competition on the River Dee (V).

3.55 Barney Bear Double Bill. Two cartoons (V). **4.10 The Wildlife with Cats and Co 4-35 The Movie Game.** Film quiz presented by Phillip Schofield.

5.00 Newsworld 5.05 The Legend of Tim Tyler. A serial about a boy who loses his laugh **5.35 Neighbours (V)**

6.00 Six O'Clock News with Nicholas Witchell and Andrew Harvey. Weather.

6.35 London Plus.

7.00 Wogan. On tonight's guest list are Stefania Powers, Paula Yates and Pierce Brosnan. Music is provided by Deacon Blue.

7.40 King and Company. Simon King takes water-colour artist Irene Brierion to a badge set; advertising executive Ian Castle to watch curfew; and film actress Wendy Richard on a night-time frog watch. (Ceefax)

8.10 In at the Deep End. Paul Helney, under Vidal Sassoon's three-months tutelage, has to cut completely new style for writer Jilly Cooper on the day she presents the British Hairdresser of the Year Award at the London Hilton (V). (Ceefax)

8.30 Nine O'Clock News with Martin Lewis and Andrew Harvey. Regional news and weather.

9.30 Vietnam. Episode two of the five-part drama about the Vietnam war is seen through the eyes of an Australian family affected by the conflict. The Goddard family discover the realities of the war when their son, Phil, along with other conscripts, has his first experience of the horrors of battle. Starring Nicholas Eadie, Barry Otto, Veronica Lang and Nicole Kidman. (Ceefax)

11.00 16 Days of the Siege. A new eight-part series of highlights of the 1984 Olympic Games in Los Angeles.

11.50 Weather.

12.00	TV-am	6.00
12.05	Thames news.	6.05
12.30	Peaseword. 10.00 Santa Barbara 10.35 News headlines. The Times 11.00	7.00
1.30	Place. Film Magaluf, Majorca. Sheena McDonald chairs a discussion on holiday hooligans. Among those taking part are parents of those young Britons being detained by the police after the death of a Spanish taxi driver in 1985. 11.10 News for the young 11.25 Thames news headlines.	8.00
1.30	Getting On. Dan and Molly Lees talk about their book <i>Travel in Retirement</i> and there is news of a company intended to sell-up her land-based home for a retired life on the canals	10.00
2.00	That's My Dog. Canine quiz presented by Derek Hobson 12.50 The Sullivan's. Drama serial about an Australian family during the 1940s.	11.00
3.00	News at One with Jon Snow 1.20 Thames news followed by Crimewatchers 1.30 A Country Practice. Medical drama series set in a remote Australian sheep station. Something in Treasure. Antiques series. The guests include Richard Todd who displays his collection of wine glasses 2.00 Take the High Road. Lorna has an unhappy life because of the trouble at the big house 3.25 Thames news headlines 3.35 Sons and Daughters. Australian family drama serial.	11.00
4.00	Thames The Tank Engine and Friends (r). 4.10 Rub A Dub Dub (r). 4.20 Children of the Dog Star (r). (Orac)	12.00
4.50	Kellyvision. A behind-the-scenes look at the making of television programmes. Presented by Chris Kelly and Gaz up. 5.5 Give Us a Clue (r). News with Alastair Stewart	1.00
5.45	6.00 Thames news.	2.00
6.25	Help with a review of the most popular of past programmes.	3.00

Emeraldale Farm. Phil Pearce has to deal with the Inland Revenue.

Where There's Life... ... In this first of the seven Miriam Stoppard examinations, test-tube births.

Coronation Street. Is Percy about to leave Emily's home? (Oracle)

Highway to Heaven. The apprentice angel helps a filmmaker's dream come true.

Disappearing World: The Whalehunters of Lamlaea. (see Choice)

News at Ten with Carol Barnes and Alastair Stewart. **10.30**

Thames news.

The Brothers McGreggor. The first of a new seven-part series of the comedy starring Paul Barber and Philip Whitchurch.

Tonight Cyril hires a fortune-teller to help him plan his future.

Living A Lie. A discussion programme on the problem, highlighted by last night's film drama *Catherine*.

Presented by Sally Hawkins

Magnum. The detective faces family problems when he returns home after a period of 13 years to attend his grandfather's funeral.

Teen Snooker/Pool Challenge.

Theorist. A tennis game between English's Jimmy White and Steve Mizerack of the United States.

America's Top Ten introduced by Cass Kasam

News headlines followed by **Film:** Dr Jekyll and Sister Hyde (1971) starring Ralph Bates and Marlene Beswick. A Hammer horror in which Dr Jekyll discovers the facility to change into a woman. Directed by Roy Ward Baker.

News headlines followed by **Widescreen in Cincinnati.** Comedy series.

Fifty Years On. Vintage newsclips.

ITN Morning News. Ends at 5.00.

- 8.55 **Open University: Adult Literacy** -- Cape Verde 7.20 The Future of Print. Ends at 7.45. **Ceebox.**
- 12.30 **Open University: An Introduction to Information Technology 12-3.5 Computer Aided Engineering.**
- 1.20 **The Flumps (r).** 1.35 **Ceebox.**
- 1.50 **Racing from Down Royal.** The 2.00, 2.30, 3.00 (Jester Harp Dorey), 3.30 and 4.00 races. Includes news and weather at 1.55 and 2.55. 3.45 **News,** regional news and weather.
- 4.15 **Great Little Railways (r).** 4.55 **Northern Lights.** A portrait of a Sally Duxbury (r). 5.05 **Country Joe.** Joy Beverley and Bill Wright (r).
- 5.30 **The Victorian Kitchen Garden.** Part eight (r). **Ceebox.**
- 6.00 **Mission impossible.** The undercover agents help a small island democracy fend off a military takeover.
- 6.50 **That Was Then. . . This is Now.** The Pet Shop Boys are the sub of the first in a new series examining the careers of pop

7.30 Under Sail. A new series begins with the sail training vessel *The Young Endeavour* from its construction, crew selection and sail trials, and back to Sydney to attend the Bicentennial celebrations.

8.00 Antenna includes a re-visit to the Navy hospital to see what progress has been made on the three Falkland Islands mariners undergoing psychotherapy; the next generation of super telescopes; and an interview with Marvin Minsky.

8.00 M*A*S*H. A football star tells Hawkeye he wants to die if the bullet wound in his leg means an amputation (r).

9.35 Greenplay: No Further Cause for Concern. Drama about a long-term prisoner who takes a public enquiry into prison conditions. Starring Sean Chapman.

10.35 Newsnight 11.10 Weather.

11.15 The Family. Part two.

11.45 One Up One Down: Public Health - Noise 12.10 **Time Patterns of Development.** Ends at 12.40.

12.00 Just 4 Fun. Entertainment for both deaf and hearing children (r).

2-2.30 *Business Daily*. Financial and business news service presented by Susannah Simons.

1.00 *Sesame Street*. Pre-school learning series. Today's guest is comedienne Andrea Martin.

2.00 *The Playment Programme* presented by Glyn Mathias.

2.30 *Film: All the King's Men* (1949, b/w) starring Broderick Crawford. An Oscar-winning drama about the rise and fall of a Southern state politician. Directed by Robert Roosen.

4.30 *Countdown*. Today's challenger is Beryl Owen, a retired midwife from Denbigh.

5.00 *Ask the Experts*. Part 10 of Gerald Durrell's 13-programme series on the planet's threatened wildlife (r).

5.30 *Mork & Mindy*. Vintage American comedy series starring Robin Williams and Pam Dawber.

6.00 *Family Tie*. Domestic comedy series in which the children are more conservative than their parents.

- **Tour de France 1988.** Stage 11 — from Groussin to Martigne, a distance of 232km, the longest stage of the Tour.
- **Channel 4 News** with Nicholas Owen and Sue Carpenter.
- **Party Political Commission** a Conservative Party politician. Followed by Weather.
- **The Planets.** Part four — Mars (r, Oracle)
- **Women in View** includes interviews with Jill Morrell, the girlfriend of the kidnapped journalist John McCarthy; and Jeanette Kautman whose husband was recently released from his captivity.
- **Stand-up comedy.** (see choice)
- **The Refugee.** Comedy series starring Caroline Blackiston.
- **The Left Shift** begins with music from the Front Line. Must be played.
- **Mac in Monk Time.** The pianist Thelonius Monk in concert (r)
- **10am But Then, She's Betty Center.** A profile of the singer, who married Lionel Hampton. Ends at 2.05.

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1.00 News
1.05 Concert Hall: Live recital:
Neményi Belinkays (piano)
Alabyayev (The Nightingale)
Rachmaninov (Elegy, Op. 3)
No. 1 and Polchakov (G. G.)
No. 1: Liszt (Petrarch
Sonnet No 104 in E; and
Funerailles, Harmonies
religieuses et populaires)
7. Rachmaninov (Deux
études tableaux: in G; and
Op 33 No 8 and in E flat
minor, Op 39 No 5); G. G.
(Concert paraphrase on
Rigoletto)
2.00 Interpretations on Record:
Paul Grifflins, complete
recordings of Schoenberg
First Chamber Symphony
3.00 Vintage Years: Detroit
Under Paul Paray, 1920-29
Chabrier (Rhapsody; and
Espéranza); Chausson
(Symphony in B flat; and
Bavet (La Valse)
4.00 Choral Evensong: Live
Westminster Abbey
5.00 Mainly for Pianos:
Unusual wedding music
presented by Michael
Barkeley
6.30 Music for Guitar: Vladimir
Koshinsky plays Brouwer
(Elogio de la danza); Alí
(Leyenda) and Koshinsky
Porcelain Tower)
7.05 News
**7.10 Scotland and Bruires (new
series);** by Colin McLaren
(See Choices)
7.30 Sotta Philharmonic
Orchestra: Emil Tabakov
conducts (Khatavichian)
(Spartacus Suite No. 1);
Bruch (Violin Concerto
in G minor); and in E
minor, Op. No 4 in E flat
with Stokka Milanova
(violin), includes *La Es-
tival* reading; *John
Rath* reads from *The
Journeyman - Its Landscapes
and Culture*
8.10 William Byrd: Christopher
Parr (harpsichord) plays
Pavane and Galle, *Three
Minor*; Fortune; Pavane
(Canon 2 in 1); The Be-
trayed and Prelude and Fanz
A minor
9.45 Spectrum: Fourth in a
six science program
presented by Colin Tur-
reports on chemists at
their test tubes, and he
creatures's sex is chosen
10.30 Chorbunt: Quertel Nor-
F. Lindsey String Quartet
(Peter Gröndler, Roder-
ich violins, Roger In-
valds, and Bernard Gro-
Smith, cello)
11.00 Composers of the West:
Shostakovich, Suite
The Age of Gold; Sym-
phony No 3 (The First of May
Tea for Two (Tahiti Tra-
dition))

LW (long wave) (ts) Stereo on VHF
5.55 Shipping Forecast: 6.00
 News Briefing: Weather:
 6.10 Farming Today: 6.25
 Program for the Day (ts)
6.30 Today, Incl: 6.30, 7.30,
8.30 News Summary 6.45
Business News 6.55, 7.35
Weather: 7.00, 8.00 News
7.25, 8.25 Sport 7.45
Thought for the Day 8.35
 Yesterday in Parliament
 8.40 Your Letters 8.57
 Weather: Travel
9.00 News
9.05 Midweek: Ronald Eyn's
 guests includes fashion
 designer Bruce Oldfield who
 is interviewed by former-
 model Marie Helvin.
10.00 News; Gardeners' Question
 Time from Leominster and
 District Gardening Club in
 Hereford (r)
10.30 Morning Story: The
 Weighing Up written and
 read by Angela Ruth
10.45 Service (ts)
11.00 News; Travel: Pillars of
 Society: Hugh Pryor-Jones
 investigates the ecological
 society of London
11.47 Enquire Within: Dilly Barlow
 tackles listeners' questions
12.00 News; You and Yours:
 News and news and advice
 with John Buckley
12.28 A Change in the Weather
 (new series): An unlikely
 adventure for two innocent
 Stroud ladies by Eric
 Pringle. With Peter Craze,
 John Hollis, Dilly Laye,
 Polly James, Norman
 and Richard Tate (ts) 12.55
 Weather
1.00 The World At One: With
 Nick Marnock
1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55
Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Woman's Hour:
 Includes an interview with
 Eve Pollard, only the second
 woman to edit a national
 newspaper; plus a feature
 on dual career families and
 the strains caused by
 couples that both go out to
 work
3.00 News: A Different Way
 Home: Play by Jimmie
 Chinn with Bernard Cribbins
 (ts) (see Choice)
3.45 Interview: George
 MacBath talks to Orkney
 poet George Mackay Brown
 about his life and poetry
4.00 News
4.05 News: 4: Felicity Goody
 reports on Skiersdale, East
 England's only new town
 which has not prospered
 during the last 20 years

4.48 Kaleidoscope Extra: A week
 in the life of struggling
 writers Jacqui Kallis and Nick
 Harrett. How do they
 scratch a living from their
 art? (r)
5.00 5.00 Shipping Forecast
5.55 Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News; Financial
Report
6.30 Quote: Unquote: Quiz
 hosted by Nigel Rees and
 played by Humphrey
 Lytton, Martin Jarvis,
 Gormon O'Connor and Dr
 Stefan Buczacki (ts)
7.00 News
7.25 The Archers
7.30 Business (new series):
 Peter Day reports on
 initiative, enterprise and
 innovation in the
 commercial world (r)
7.45 Talking Theatre: Robert
 Cushman in conversation
 with Mike Alford (ts)
8.10 The Doctors: Eight
 programmes recording
 three weeks in the lives of
 a group of Litchfield (ts)
8.45 Soaps and Saddlebacks:
 Colin Tudor discovers how
 and why a large number of
 domestic livestock breeds
 have nearly been lost in the
 face of commercial
 pressure. But he also meets
 scientists and farmers who
 believe that the preservation
 of these animals is essential
 to the future of agriculture
 (ts) (r)
9.15 The Americans: Last
 eight portraits: Rubens
 Barbosa, an ambassador
 living in Brasilia (ts)
9.45 Kaleidoscope: The
 ravages of the *Assignment*
 by Friedrich Dürrenmatt at
Blooper & Lulu at the
 Liverpool Playhouse; plus
 features on the film
 Academy 5: an interview
 with Catherine Lampert, the
 new director of Whitechapel
 Art Gallery; and a report of
 Chorus's *Hannibal* at the
 Avignon Festival
10.15 A Book at Bedtime: And
 I Did by Malachi Whitaker
 of 8) 10.25 Weather
10.30 The World Tonight:
 The 1980s: The Musical World
 Tonight
11.30 Today in Parliament
12.00 News 12.20 Weather
12.25 Shipping Forecast
VHF as above except 1.55-
2.00pm Continuing Order: 5.50-
5.55 PM (continued) 11.30-
12.00pm Open University: 11.5
Modern Art: Under the Sun
Sales: 11.30 Expression in
Classical Music

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Kensington battle is an impassioned affair on and off the streets

Thatcher clash on poll tax charges

By Nicholas Wood
Political Correspondent

The power struggle in the Kensington, west London, by-election boiled over in the Commons yesterday as the Prime Minister and Mr Roy Hattersley, the Labour deputy leader, clashed over projected community charge levels for the constituency.

Mr Hattersley claimed that the Conservatives in the campaign were fabricating the figures by citing a sum which was only one third of that announced by Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for the Environment.

However, Mrs Thatcher said that the community charge would be £122 a head after the £218 overspending of the Inner London Education Authority (ILEA) had been eliminated and after the money paid under the safety net had been abolished.

She criticized Mr Hattersley over ILEA's financial and educational record. However, he countered by accusing her of proposing a big cut in education spending throughout inner London.

Meanwhile, the Conservative campaign in by-election tomorrow received an unexpected boost from the Social and Liberal Democrats which released figures pointing to a handsome Tory victory tomorrow.

The canvass returns from the SLD put Conservative support at 48 per cent, Labour at 26 per cent, the SLD at 20 per cent and the SDP at 3 per cent.

Mr Charles Kennedy, the SLD campaign manager, said the figures were based on interviews with more than 15,000 electors, fractionally more than a third of the Tory-held constituency.

Such partisan figures are usually unreliable, a point made immediately by Labour



Contrasting styles: An exuberant Mr Dennis Healey, former deputy leader of the Labour Party, regales Mrs Ann Holmes, Labour candidate in the Kensington by-election, on the campaign trail yesterday while Mr Jeffrey Archer, former deputy chairman of the Conservative Party, makes a point to a constituent in Kensington High Street. (Photographs: Tim Bishop)

which has released its own survey giving it a slight lead. However, they appear to reflect the broad drift of opinion in the seat where the Tories are defending a 4,447 majority.

Mr Dudley Fishburn, the Conservative candidate, who has been fighting a low-key campaign, maintained that every by-election was a "marginal" and that he was taking nothing for granted.

Mr William Goodhart, the SLD candidate, denied that he was predicting a Tory victory, saying that he was looking for a repeat of past late swings that have swept third party candidates into Westminster.

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Gulf War withdrawals 'smack of peace move'



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enjoying a peaceful border with Iran like the "green line" which exists between Christian east and Muslim west Beirut. "This is a confidence-building operation and a first step to evolve a dialogue between Iran and Iraq," said Mr Koppel, who emphasized that the disengagement did not rule out the possibility of continued aerial and naval attacks by both sides.

Western diplomats were sceptical about the alleged deal, and put Iran's recent losses down to war-weariness and a gradual collapse of the country's military infrastructure. They said that the only conceivable peace settlement was through the UN Security Resolution 598.

Faults on rig mooted

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the fitness lasting five years was issued after inspections. Fatigue and corrosion in a mild state at the start of the inspection could go undetected, but be "critical" after five years.

However, he said: "I looked at the platform yesterday. It is in such a demolished state, it would be surprising if they had evidence that one pipe had failed."

The metal fatigue theory would end speculation that the explosion was the result of a similar fault to that which occurred in 1984, when escaped gas in a gas conservation unit exploded as a result of an electrical fault.

Meanwhile, Occidental admitted last night that there was a potentially serious gas leak on the platform before last week's disaster.

Mr John Brading, the company's UK chief executive, said the leak occurred six weeks ago in the one area of the platform still standing. It had absolutely no connection with last week's explosion, he said.

He produced a statement on gas leaks for two months before the explosion showing that so far as the company was concerned, the word "leak" meant an incident which caused or had the potential to cause injury, damage, asset loss, occupational illness or pollution.

The June 1 leak was the only incident recorded by on-shore management during the period.

High winds continued to hamper attempts by Red Adair's team to clear debris from the remaining part of the platform yesterday.

Greek ferry massacre 'part of hijack plan'

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land at Athens after a flight from Rome. Four American passengers including a baby were killed when they were sucked out of the aircraft at an altitude of 11,000 feet.

He is thought to belong to the mysterious May 15 Group, which developed a technique of planting plastic explosives under airline seats and setting them to go off days or even weeks later. May 15 is believed to be related to the Abu Nidal group.

Rashid was to be tried in Athens today on a minor charge of using a false Syrian passport but the trial was postponed yesterday because of a prison warden's strike.

The terrorist team could have heard that the car had

exploded accidentally if they had listened to a radio news at 6pm or seen a television broadcast aboard the cruise ship at 6.30pm.

If so, they apparently decided to take immediate action. Twenty minutes after the television news they lobbed the first hand grenade into the funnel of the cruise ship and started spraying passengers and the bridge with machine gun fire.

The Greek authorities now believe that the team did not escape aboard a speed boat as had been thought, but may have stayed aboard the ship as she was being towed, abandoned and smoldering, to a repair dock at Patateira, or gone aboard a rescue vessel with the rest of the passengers.

By-election sketch

Ten out of ten for satisfaction

What a marvellous word is "satisfactory" and how underused it is outside the schoolroom. It covers a universe of meanings, yet is only employed when things are not quite what was hoped for.

"Satisfactory" on a school report is only ever used to describe marks somewhat under five out of 10, yet its air of competence saves many a child the rod. Yesterday it enjoyed a most heartening revival in the SLD and SDP morning press conferences for the Kensington by-election.

By and large, the press believe that both parties, now such bitter enemies, are way on course for disastrous results tomorrow. In their hearts, both parties seem to know this too. This is where the word "satisfactory" comes in. Asked his predictions for the SLD result, Mr Charles Kennedy declared: "We will come out with a very satisfactory result."

Mr Robert MacLennan seemed to think likewise. "I anticipate we'll do much better in this by-election than had been feared before we began," he said.

"I agree with what Bob has just said," chimed in Mr David Steel. "...I hope very much this by-election will provide the springboard for our new leader."

Now, this was hardly quite as uproarious a response to events as his demand a year or two ago for those within earshot to go back to their constituencies and prepare for Government. He had probably decided that "Stay in your constituency and prepare for humiliation" would not have quite the same ring to it.

Nevertheless, a strange atmosphere of jollity pervaded both the SLD and the SDP press conferences. This seemed to be due to the fact that each thought the other was doing even worse. Mr Kennedy unveiled his party's latest returns with undisguised glee. They put the Conservatives at 48 per cent, Labour at 26 per cent, the SLD at 20 per cent and - tantaral! tantaral! - "Dr Owen's party" at 3 per cent.

Yippee! Mr MacLennan put on his finest man-of-infinite-depths smile, which he assumes makes him look like the Mona Lisa, but in fact

makes him look rather more like that versatile glove-puppet Sweep. "I think the 3 per cent could be described as statistically insignificant," he squeaked.

Down the hill at the SDP, Rosie Barnes and Dr Owen seemed to think that everything was going rather more, erm, satisfactorily for them.

"In some areas we're fairly clear we've been able to win some support that was not there before," said the doctor. He has now become so addicted to giving the left's not-get-too-carried-away view of things that he applies it rather over-readily to his party's own prospects, failing to muster much optimism. "Wouldn't it be a tremendous humiliation to lose your deposit?" asked a journalist. "That depends on the results," replied Dr Owen. Only a few days before, his candidate, John Martin, had been determinedly declaring that he was aiming to win.

But Dr Owen still managed to take heart from what he had seen. "We are now beginning to see the identity of the party that I hoped would emerge in 1981," he declared. Looking at the identity of the party on show - the odd, doll-like figure of Rosie Barnes, her face now absurdly over-embellished, now as sullen as a waxwork, alongside the heavily bespectacled, know-it-all face of Mr Martin - it seemed a most bizarre hope, and one scarcely worth waiting a full seven years to see realized.

Dr Owen spends much of his time and energy in not attacking his former colleagues. Instead, he points out that they are spending a lot of their time attacking him, and doesn't that tell you all you'd want to know about the kind of people they are? Mr Martin favours the more direct approach. When Dr Owen was asked to comment on a recent claim to the roots of Social Democracy from Lord Jenkins of Hillhead, Mr Martin stepped in. "Aston non-sense," he said, reminding the press of the days Dick Taverne had spent waiting for "his friend and colleague Roy Jenkins" to appear at his by-election, "and he waited in vain". And what could be less satisfactory than that?

Craig Brown

Dukakis picks Texan

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bert Gore, Congressman Richard Gephardt and Lee Hamilton, and the Rev Jesse Jackson. All had been extensively interviewed by Mr Paul Brown, the chairman of the Dukakis campaign.

Mr Jackson, whose relations with Mr Dukakis have deteriorated in recent weeks, made a strong claim to be chosen, saying at one point he believed he had earned a place on the ticket because of his strong showing in the primaries.

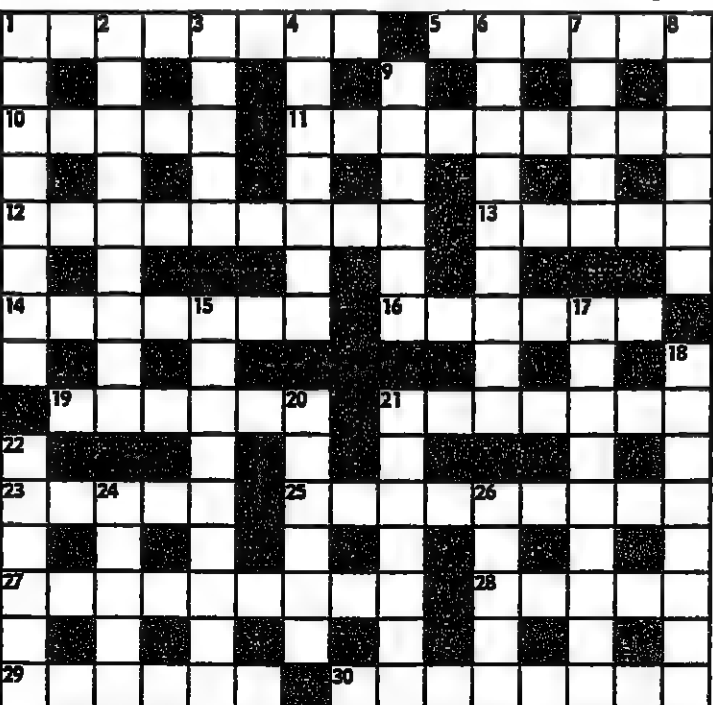
On Monday, in what was

seen as a last-ditch effort to extract concessions from Mr Dukakis, he said for the first time he would accept the vice-presidential nomination.

Mr Dukakis has tried to avoid a split with Mr Jackson, who has still not pulled out of the presidential race although Mr Dukakis now has enough delegates to make his nomination at the party's convention in Atlanta next week a foregone conclusion.

Mr Jackson made it clear that he would fiercely oppose the selection of Mr Gore.

THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 17,720



- ACROSS**
- 1 Defendant's pleading to recover contents of 11? (8)
 - 5 Nut-producer ready to join partnership (6)
 - 10 In Paris, a long-established artistic event (5)
 - 11 Browning prepared what it contains, piece by piece (5-4)
 - 12 Inferior by contrast with the dear queen? (5-4)
 - 13 French master at home on the staff (5)
 - 14 Reign after internal reform, with me in administration (7)
 - 16 It helps actor to have fun in small part (6)
 - 21 Widow's donation, mostly for singularly pious type (6)
 - 26 Superior part of Oxford (5)
 - 28 A head's translation (3,6)
 - 29 Deceive maiden before I fall for another one (9)
 - 30 Desire for something - with a start, it's done! (5)
 - 32 Clue is removed from this study (6)
 - 33 List contracts for this manufacturer (8)
- DOWN**
- 1 For relaxing treatment, depend on priest - not acute (4-4)
 - 2 National emblem keen-eyed type uncovered first (4,5)
 - 3 Not to put it another way, very fast (3-2)
 - 4 Start off men getting on coach? (7)
 - 6 Often ran wildly round ring - fatal for Hemingway (9)
 - 7 Found out, caught, and tried (5)
 - 8 Operative's dropped right in the middle of Surrey (6)
 - 9 Irritated person has this support (4,2)
 - 15 Legal notes made in error about Moriarty's assistant (9)
 - 17 Grant, for example, minimal amount to tenant (9)
 - 18 Rum sounding type, possibly, my words offend (8)
 - 20 Champion boxer, perhaps (3,3)
 - 21 Supervisors? Just characters in novel, we hear (7)
 - 22 Crown Court action about short measure (6)
 - 24 Tangled ropes could be this (5)
 - 26 In case of serious complaint, right to claim (5)

WORD-WATCHING

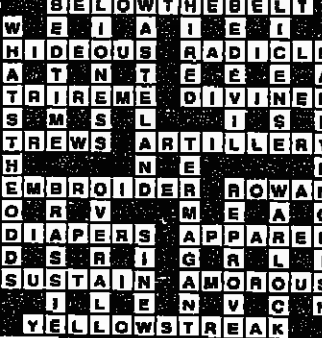
A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

By Philip Howard

- ABAXIAL**
- a. Aversion to kissing
 - b. Pertaining to an abacus
 - c. Eccentric
- LANTHINE**
- a. Having a single stamen
 - b. Like a jackal
 - c. Violet-coloured
- LETHOLOGICA**
- a. Sleeping in lectures
 - b. Extreme permissiveness
 - c. Getting the word wrong
- BIG STICK**
- a. Serious displeasure of an editor
 - b. A caber
 - c. A ladder

Answers on page 22, column 1

Solution to Puzzle No 17,719



WEATHER

A band of rain, sometimes heavy stretching from Wales, central and eastern England to central Scotland, will gradually move north over the rest of Scotland during the morning. The rain will be replaced from the south by bright or sunny spells and showers, and some of the showers could be heavy and prolonged, perhaps with a rumble of thunder. Temperatures will be a little lower than yesterday. Outlook: cool and unsettled.

ABROAD

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MARKETS	THE POUND
FT 30 Share 1494.3 (-16.2)	US dollar 1.6955 (+0.0070)
FT-SE 100 1858.5 (-18.3)	W German mark 3.1148 (-0.0024)
USM (Datastream) 164.78 (+0.07)	Trade-weighted 75.0 (same)

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 Executive Editor
 David Brewerton

Johnson Matthey warrant

Fraud squad detectives investigating Johnson Matthey, the gold bullion dealer, have issued a warrant for the arrest of a Pakistani businessman who had dealt with the bank.

Mr Mahmud Ahmed Sipra is wanted by City of London police for questioning about allegations of theft, false accounting and corruption. Mr Sipra, who has joint Pakistani-American nationality, left Britain in late 1985 and is living in Pakistan.

Police believe he has not returned to England and have been unable to speak to Mr Sipra because no extradition treaty exists between the two countries.

Job losses

Citicorp yesterday made redundant 40 members of Scrimgeour Vickers (Asset Management), its private-client stockbroking operation. The bank said the job losses, mostly among junior clerical and backroom staff, were the result of the fall in stock market turnover after the crash.

STOCK MARKETS

New York	Dow Jones	2088.06 (-25.25)
Taipei	Nikkei Average	28099.84 (+113.88)
Hong Kong	Hang Seng	2772.33 (+12.94)
Amsterdam	Amsterd. Gen.	266.1 (-1.8)
Sydney	Sydney AD	1625.3 (-3.1)
Frankfurt	Frankfurt	1487.5 (-11.5)
Brussels	Brussels	4955.5 (-3.1)
Paris	Paris CAC	473.2 (-2.3)
Zurich	Zurich S&K Gen	473.2 (-2.3)
London	FT-30 Share	1494.3 (-16.2)
FT-100	FT-100	1858.5 (-18.3)
FT Gold Mines	FT Gold Mines	217.5 (-0.1)
FT Financial	FT Financial	87.27 (-0.16)
FT Govt Secs	FT Govt Secs	87.78 (-0.20)

 Recent Issues
 Closing prices

MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISER	Federated Housing	305p (+12p)
Unisoft	Unisoft	247p (+12p)
PRM	PRM	498p (+10p)
Norfolk & Norwich	Norfolk & Norwich	745p (+10p)
Proton	Proton	498p (+10p)
Gordon & Glegg	Gordon & Glegg	181p (+10p)
Johnston	Johnston	498p (+10p)
Beauford	Beauford	190p (+10p)
Deves & Newman	Deves & Newman	655p (+20p)
Trade Indemnity	Trade Indemnity	470p (+10p)
Haynes Publishing	Haynes Publishing	507p (+20p)
FALLER	Chrysalis	112p (-25p)
Rosebush	Rosebush	735p (-10p)
Harmer Drax	Harmer Drax	229p (-10p)
Harrison Cross	Harrison Cross	835p (-10p)
Stead & Simps 'A'	Stead & Simps 'A'	115p (-11p)
Grand Met	Grand Met	498p (-11p)
Blue Circle	Blue Circle	450p (-12p)
Chr. Winkles	Chr. Winkles	725p (-15p)
Hogg Robinson	Hogg Robinson	212p (-11p)
Closing prices	Bargains	25470

INTEREST RATES

London Bank Rate	10%
3-month interbank	10%-10 1/4%
3-month negotiable bill	9 1/2%-9 3/4%
Buying rate	
US Prime Rate	9%
Federal Funds	7 1/4%
3-month Treasury Bill	6.73-6.72%
30-year bonds	100 1/2-100 1/4%

CURRENCIES

London	New York
\$1.6955	\$1.6955
DM1.1148	DM1.3375
Sfr2.5851	Sfr2.5851
FF10.4885	FF10.4885
Yen224.99	Yen224.99
Index75.0	Index75.0
ECU10.657041	SDR10.768998

GOLD

London Fixing	AM \$34.50 PM \$43.80
close	\$435.00-\$435.50 (\$257.00-257.50)
New York	Comex \$435.10-\$435.80

NORTH SEA OIL

 Brent (Aug.) pm \$14.05bbt (\$14.57)
 Denotes latest trading price

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● Market news on Stockwatch yesterday included: Peachey Property (02680) eased 6p as investors awaited bid approach news; speculative demand drove Haynes Publishing (01702) up 20p; Kent development prospects added 14p to Federated Housing (03102), a profits downgrading caused Chrysalis (01120) to drop 20p.

● Recent additions include: Prestwick Holdings 7 1/4% conv pref 03385, CLF Holdings conv pref 03384.

● Calls charged at 5p for 8 seconds peak and 12 seconds off peak inc. VAT.

Pressure rises for agreement on Rover deal

By Daniel Ward and Derek Harris

Mr Peter Sutherland, the European Commissioner for competition, will decide this morning whether to seek approval for British Aerospace's takeover of Rover at today's full Council of Commissioners meeting.

Final negotiations between government, commission and BAE officials continued late last night amid growing pressure.

It is understood that the big dispute with the European Commission over the £800 million government cash injection into Rover has been resolved, but many details still have to be finalised.

Commission sources remained cautious about final approval today, emphasizing that while progress continues to be made "talks have not been brought to a conclusion."

If Mr Sutherland is not satisfied with the outcome of the negotiations the deal is likely to go before the Council for approval in a week's time.

Approval does come today, Lord Young of Graffham, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, will make an announcement in the House of Lords. A cut of up to £250 million in the £800 million cash injection would leave all parties satisfied.

Mr Peter Sutherland will claim the cut in the government injection has prevented the deal distorting EEC competition. Lord Young will be relieved that the threat of political embarrassment, if the deal failed, has passed and Rover is to pass back into the private sector.

It is believed that Professor Roland Smith, BAE's chairman, will be able to announce that Rover's encouraging half-year financial results support BAE's decision to pay nearly £200 million more for the car maker than originally negotiated with Lord Young.

Sources have confirmed that better than expected results encouraged BAE to accept a larger reduction in the government £800 million cash injection, at the Commission's behest, than it anticipated when the takeover deal was first announced.

In 1987 Rover made a first-half loss of £42 million. This was reduced to a net loss of £26.8 million for the full year after Austin Rover and Land Rover recorded modest profits at the operating level before interest. Austin Rover production in the first six months of 1988 jumped by 14 per cent to 260,000 cars and light vans.

During the negotiations, Professor Smith sought to

reduce the impact of the cut in Government aid. A more generous tax treatment of Rover losses is a likely element in the package that finally emerges.

Lord Young has been working towards a sale to BAE to ensure that Rover stays British, rather than falling into the hands of either Volkswagen or America's Ford.

A source close to the Young-Smith negotiations said: "We appeared to have reached an accommodation as far as the Commission was concerned. But in negotiations with BAE on final details the situation is now extremely fluid."

Talks throughout between Lord Young and Professor Smith are being described as "friendly but tough, on both sides." There has been irritation at the department at the high media profile BAE has succeeded in achieving.

Yesterday Mr Bryan Gould, the shadow trade and industry secretary, said that if the original deal was changed it would be "an enormous rebuff to the Prime Minister and Lord Young."

He said: "I think the general picture that arises out of this is one of incompetence, uncertainty and dogma prevailing over the interests of Britain's car industry."

North Sea crude below \$14 as glut hits prices

By John Bell, City Editor

North Sea oil prices have dived decisively through the key \$14 per barrel barrier on European spot markets for the first time since March. Prices are now languishing at levels last regularly seen in December 1986, when members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries were openly in conflict with each other in a battle to secure bigger market shares.

Oil traders fear that Saudi Arabia, the largest oil producer in the free world, may aggravate a world over-supply of oil by boosting output to pay for the \$10 billion arms deal with Britain which was announced last week.

The upturn in North Sea prices last week has already been overwhelmed by nervous selling. Institutional investors bought heavily after the explosion which ripped apart the Piper Alpha platform, closing six fields and cutting North Sea output by 12 per cent.

Oil analysts are deeply

pessimistic about the prospects for spot crude prices and are forecasting \$13 trades soon. Some say that the current oil glut could drag the key North Sea marker, Brent crude, to \$12 before concerted

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action by Opec nations reverses the downturn.

No date has yet been fixed for a meeting of Opec's price monitoring committee. "Even when the committee does meet, there is no guarantee that it will find agreement on a single course of action to remedy the present situation," said Mr Chris Rowland, oil analyst at Barclays de Zoete Wedd, the securities house.

He points out that it is likely to be some time before the sagging prices on world spot markets feed through to Opec's treasurers, as most oil is sold on agreed price contracts.

"The price action looks like

a re-run of 1986, when it dropped to \$10, but Opec is not likely to be so divided internally as it was then. The last time Opec wants now is \$12 oil," Mr Rowland said.

The spot price weakness triggered further falls in the oil sector on the London stock market. Shell slid 1p to 1043p while BP lost 5p to 259p. North Sea exploration stocks such as Lasso, Enterprise and Ultramar also lost ground despite the bid speculation which has held up the shares in recent weeks.

Yesterday's slide was the product of several factors, notably the oil glut, traders said. Brent for August loading sold as low as \$13.85 in hectic trade as a slide which began late on Monday in the US spilled into Europe.

Monday's slide pushed West Texas Intermediate oil, the benchmark US grade, below an important support level of \$14.80 a barrel on New York futures markets.

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Davy profits slide to £10m

By Colin Campbell

Davy Corporation, Britain's largest process engineering group, has suffered a sharp drop in profits in the year ended March.

Pre-tax profits tumbled from £20.2 million to £10.5 million following a £17.3 million provision against a West German contract. There was a £7.4 million provision against the same contract in the previous year.

Davy, which six months ago

raised the interim dividend from 1.5p to 2p a share, is cutting the final dividend from 4.75p to 4.25p a share, making an unchanged year's payment of 6.25p.

The shares yesterday rose 1p to 145p, helped by the remarks of Lord Jellicoe, the chairman, that he looked forward to the current year with confidence.

The net cash position at the year-end was £61 million, a large part of which represented forward payments, and the forward workload was

running substantially ahead of the level a year ago.

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Bank aims to streamline dealings with Third World

Midland adopts new approach to debt

By Richard Thomson

Banking Correspondent

Midland Bank has formed a division to handle its £4.1 billion exposure to developing countries, as part of a new strategy for managing loans to areas such as Latin America.

Both commercial and investment banking activities in countries with debt repayment problems will for the first time be brought together in one department. This will enable Midland to respond more quickly and flexibly to debt rescheduling arrangements, the group says. It will also allow Midland to follow a more active debt management policy, which includes increasing its investments in industrial and commercial companies in developing countries and trading its debt on secondary markets.

Midland has the largest Third World country exposure of any British bank, which led to provisions of £1 billion and a pre-tax loss of £505 million for the group last year. The new division, part of

Midland Montagu, the investment banking arm, will be headed by Mr Jacques de Mandat-Grancey, previously responsible for Midland's international work. It had become necessary, the group said, because new techniques and the widening range of rescheduling options have made the handling of Third World debt more complex.

The bank now intends to undertake more debt/equity swaps, introduced by several countries, such as Chile, Mexico and the Philippines, to enable banks to exchange loans into more permanent equity investment in local businesses.

A Midland spokesman said: "We are not seeking to reduce our exposure to rescheduling countries. We just want to change it into a different kind of exposure." The bank holds an optimistic view of the future of the largest Latin American economies.

The new division will include an industrial adviser, Mr Peter Burnell, to handle the group's growing ownership of non-banking companies in developing countries. "Banks are not used to

running salt mines and hotels, so it is important to have an adviser with expertise in such things," a spokesman said. Mr Burnell was previously a director of Charter Consolidated, the industrial and mining finance group.

Although banks such as Citicorp and Chase Manhattan have been using increasingly adventurous techniques to manage their Third World debt, Midland has become one of the most innovative outside the US. Last year, for example, it exchanged some \$22 million (£13 million) of Peruvian debt for commodities. It has also set up a fund to help international banks exchange debt for equity investments in Chile.

Lloyds Bank has also been moving towards a more effective means of managing its £3.9 billion exposure to rescheduling countries. Much of this lending was done through the bank's branch network inside Latin America, and Lloyds has long experience of the local economies of many debtor countries. Almost all Midland's exposure is in cross-border lending from London.



BOC in £136.8m US selloff

BOC Group, the industrial gases and healthcare group, is selling its US carbon businesses for \$231.5 million (£136.8 million).

Mr Richard Giordano (above), the group chairman and chief executive, said yesterday that a management buyout consortium will pay about \$152 million for its two remaining carbon

plants at St Mary's, Pennsylvania, and Niagara Falls, plus its Texan needle-coke plant and its US calcium carbide business.

Last week it sold the carbon electrode plant in South Carolina to Denko, the Japanese group, for \$55 million. Both deals were first agreed in March.

New issue of National Savings

By Vivien Goldsmith

Family Money Editor

A new issue of National Savings Certificates paying 7.5 per cent tax free over five years is to replace the current 33rd issue at 7 per cent.

The 34th issue will go on sale next Friday. Buyers will be limited to £1,000 plus an extra £5,000 for those reinvesting money on the general extension rate.

National Savings has under £7 billion on the general extension rate, which is paying 5.01 per cent.

The return on the Yearly Plan is also being raised from 7 per cent to 7.5 per cent tax free. This applies to all applications received from today.

A maximum of £200 a month can be contributed to the Yearly Plan. Twelve monthly payments are made and then the sum takes a further four years to mature.

In May National Savings took in net contributions of £63.4 million on receipts of £81.6 million. This compares with a surplus of £174.9 million on receipts of £624.2 million in May last year.

Barclays Bank is now paying 7.5 per cent on sums above £10,000 in the Capital Advantage account. It is taking £10 million a day into the account.

DPR was investigated a year ago

By Lawrence Lever

DPR Futures, the futures and options broker which was suspended on Monday, was secretly investigated by the Department of Trade and Industry a year ago in response to complaints from private investors who had lost thousands of pounds through the firm's controversial selling methods.

The DTI's internal inspectors used powers under the Companies Acts to examine documents and records kept at DPR's London headquarters - but took no subsequent action against DPR which was allowed to continue trading.

Because their investigation was carried out under the narrow powers conferred by

section 447 of the Companies Act 1985, the DTI inspectors would not have been able to address general questions to the DPR directors. Their questions were limited to what they found in the company's records.

DPR was not licensed by the DTI. The company had no commitment to make yesterday. Counting the cost, page 29

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Chrysalis setback prompts talk about 'going private'

By Cliff Feltman

Chrysalis, the quoted record company, stunned the City yesterday when it gave warning of a sharp profit fall for the current year.

The shares crashed 20p to 118p, raising speculation that Mr Chris Wright, the founder and pop entrepreneur, could be tempted to follow the path of Mr Richard Branson's Virgin Group and take his company private.

In April, Mr Wright forecast results for the 14 months to the end of August would be "marginally ahead" of the previous year. But yesterday he was forced to admit that profits would now be

"substantially below" the £7.2 million made during the previous 12 months. The company's broker, Scrimgeour Vickers, slashed its own forecast to £2.5 million.

One analyst who had been expecting the company to make at least £6.5 million said: "I am afraid Chrysalis has an enormous credibility problem in the City. It is going to take an awful long time for people to have any confidence in the company."

Mr Wright - who owns 48 per cent of the company - blamed the setback on "delayed record releases in the music division giving rise to further trading losses in the

United States." His property business has also pushed through fewer deals.

The US record company was starved of releases from its big-selling artists such as Pat Benatar and Huey Lewis. "Huey Lewis delivered late and we needed another track on an album from Pat Benatar who was having a gall-bladder operation. By the time the albums were ready we could not get them out in time to make any contribution this year. We have also been spending heavily on marketing new artists," said Mr Wright.

Chrysalis, which also has a thriving property dealing business, suffered from a lack of completions during the year. Mr Wright would not comment on suggestions that he may now consider taking the company private, but the company has been dogged by misfortune since its stock market debut three years ago.

The issue was clouded by the refusal of one MAM director to sign a circular outlining the terms of the deal.

AMI profit depressed by nurses' pay award

Higher pay for nurses means lower profits for AMI Healthcare, at least in the short term.

AMI, the 65 per cent US-controlled private health group, has raised its nursing salary levels after the 15.7 per cent government pay award in the spring, and says this will have "a significant impact on short-term profitability".

It will cost the group more than £1 million this year. "Our 1,900 full-time nurses are all fully qualified, so our average increase in cost is over 20 per cent," Mr Jim Mills-Webb, the group finance director, said yesterday.

Some of the cost is being mitigated by increased prices, and the group is leaving talks with big customers such as BUPA next week in an attempt to retrieve more of its costs.

Pre-tax profits rose by 27 per cent to £10.7 million in the nine months to end-May on a 16 per cent increase in turnover.

Earnings per share are 7.8 pence higher at 11.6p. The company has already forecast a single dividend of 3.3p a share for the current year.

Microgen up 12% to £5m

Microgen Holdings, the specialist in transferring computer output on to microfilm, had a disappointing start to the year, with a 12 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £5 million in the first six months. Until now, the group had been enjoying annual average profit increases of 16 per cent.

The company is looking to expand its microfilm business in Europe. Earnings per share rose 13 per cent to 8.7p, and the dividend increased by 33 per cent to 2p net.

Gandalf rebuffs CASE defence

Gandalf Technologies, the computer group, behind a hostile £57 million bid for CASE Group, has retaliated at the CASE defence document, which claimed the offer significantly undervalued the group.

Mr James Bailey, Gandalf's president, said: "Our all-share offer, worth 92p at current prices, values CASE shares at 49 times earnings". CASE has to produce a profit forecast by Saturday. Gandalf's bid has been extended to Friday of next week.

Ford Sellar sells shops

Ford Sellar Morris, the property group, is selling its chain of 13 menswear shops to Amber Day Holdings, the clothing group, for £5.5 million cash. Amber Day is raising the cash through the placing of 13 million shares at a price of 42.5p.

Ford Sellar Morris also reported a pre-tax profit of £3.5 million for the 15 months to the end of April, compared with a loss of £2.2 million for the previous 14 months.

Bennett pays £6m for Lees

Bennett & Fountain Group, the electrical distributor and retailer, has agreed the £6 million purchase of Edwin P Lees, a private group with 78 outlets in England.

Lees is 25 per cent owned by 3i, which has given irrevocable undertakings to accept the Bennett offer, which is in ordinary or preference shares. The Lees directors and families holding the rest of the equity are also in agreement.

Matsushita opens factory

A plant where Kyushu Matsushita Electric, of Japan, will produce electronic typewriters and printers was opened yesterday in Duffryn, Newport, south Wales.

A third of the typewriters and printers, which are being sold under the Panasonic label, are expected to be sold in Britain.

Excalibur expands on return to profit

By Our City Staff

Excalibur Jewellery, the Birmingham-based company where Mr Michael Griffiths moved in as chairman last year, has announced three acquisitions for an initial total of £5.5 million and a return to profit after seven years of losses.

It is buying PMC (Sheffield), a maker of spun jewellery, P Rainford, a manufacturer of precious metal chain, and the Manshaw Group, which makes gold and silver jewellery.

A further payment of up to £1.5 million is payable depending on future profits from Rainford and PMC. Excalibur is issuing 8.49 million new shares to the

Solid investment core to candy floss society

Bank lending on property continued to grow rapidly in the three months to May. According to the Bank of England's quarterly analysis of advances, more than three-quarters of the increase in personal bank lending in the latest period was linked to house purchase, and that was within an overall increase in the personal sector substantially higher than in the previous three months. If justification for the increase in mortgage rates was needed, here it is.

Much of this money allegedly borrowed for home buying is being used to finance consumer spending of various kinds. With the building societies lending more than £6 billion a quarter and the banks £2.66 billion there is no way all of it can be going into home ownership, even at the present inflated price levels.

Yet the figures do not reveal merely a candy floss society busy spending its way towards the next balance of payments crisis. The encouraging feature of the analysis is the continuing sharp rise in lending to manufacturing. After minimal increases during the latter part of last year advances have suddenly leapt in the six months to May, reaching more than £2 billion in the latest quarter.

The numbers reflect industry's re-equipment boom. Just as the balance of

payments deficit reflects increased imports of both consumer and capital goods so bank lending is increasing rapidly to both persons and manufacturers - and more rapidly, in recent months, to manufacturers. Capital investment is vital if the rapid rise in productivity is to be sustained, and if productivity can be increased industry can meet a greater proportion of demand in the economy without inflationary consequences.

The increase in lending to manufacturers does not absolve the Government from a responsibility to cool the economy down. On the contrary, room must be found for the demands of the manufacturing sector. That is why some City economists - for instance at Shearson Lehman - are talking of the need for a further rise in interest rates of up to 2 per cent. By forcing a second increase in mortgage rates higher base rates would do much to cool both consumer demand and the housing market while not much deterring industrial investment where the pay-off period is usually considerably longer.

The timing of any further increase will depend largely on sterling. Mr Lawson will prefer to wait and see the effect of the 2.5 per cent increase in base rates since the beginning of last month before making any further moves.

Black gold loses its shine

The effect on North Sea prices of the Piper Alpha tragedy proved to be remarkably short-lived, further underlining the huge imbalances in the world oil market. North Sea prices are once again under \$14 a barrel and falling and the black gold has once again lost its shine.

The short-term outlook for oil prices depends on the attitude of the majors towards rebuilding their stocks for the autumn and winter, and the ability of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries to tackle over-production. Neither factor looks like providing much support for prices.

Oil stocks are standing slightly above levels a year ago, and there is no urgency to rebuild stocks. Opec's production accord is being interpreted with a great deal of flexibility by some of its members, and production looks stuck in the 18.5-19 million barrels a day range.

The fact that it is necessary to say that all this is good for the British economy gives an indication of the extent to which the image of the oil-dependent economy of the first half of the 1980s remains a powerful one.

The fact is that lower oil prices, once the bane of British chancellors, now come as a source of blessed relief. For Britain, and for the other industrial countries, the weakness of oil prices will act as a useful counterweight to other

inflationary pressures. Indeed, had sterling not suffered at the hands of a stronger dollar over the past few months, the fall in oil prices would have fed through to reductions in petrol prices, easing some of the worries about rising inflation.

Oil revenues, which were targeted in the Budget at £3 billion in the current financial year on an oil price assumption of \$15 a barrel, are not to be sneezed at. They are equivalent to a couple of pence off the basic rate of income tax or several new NHS hospitals. But it is no longer the case that the prospect of falling oil prices causes worries on the public sector borrowing requirement.

The Chancellor could do without all of his North Sea taxes this year and achieve the planned £3 billion public sector debt repayment, although he probably will not want this story to get around too much ahead of tomorrow's Cabinet meeting on public spending. North Sea taxes are now only 1.5 per cent of government receipts, compared with 8.5 per cent as recently as 1984-85.

The one area where Britain needs all the help it can get is on the current account. But, with the oil surplus declining because of falling North Sea output - even before Piper Alpha - oil prices are no longer a significant lever on the trade figures. If the trade news continues bad, don't blame oil prices.

Profits build for Sandell Perkins

By Alexandra Jackson

High land prices, labour shortages and a lack of capacity by some suppliers could threaten the building industry, Mr Timothy Perkins, the chairman of Sandell Perkins, the leading builders' merchants in the south-east of England, said yesterday.

"The market is still showing growth in most regions, albeit at a more modest rate than in 1987, but these factors may effect consumption," Mr Perkins said.

"However," he added, "substantial projects in our region and a strong repair, maintenance and improvement market make me cautiously optimistic about the current year."

The mild winter, and a buoyant market for building products, combined to lift pre-tax profits at Sandell Perkins from £29.9 million to £13.7 million in the year to end-March. Earnings per share were up from 15.6p to 21p while a final dividend of 3.8p

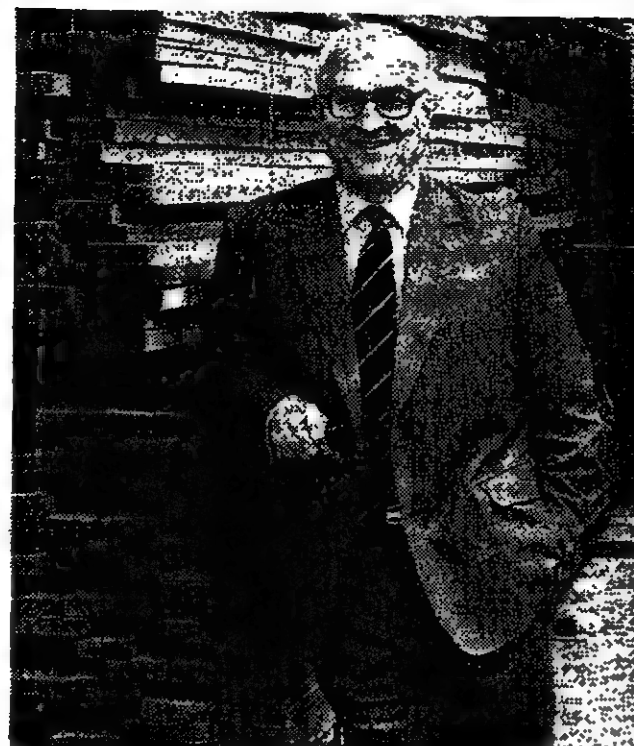
gave a total for the year of 5.4p (4.3p). Sales jumped from £113.2 million to £148.4 million.

Mr Perkins said the current year had started well, although he doubted the gains in volume would be as great as in 1987-88. "We are seeing an attractive sales pattern in the regions, although early indications point to a flattening out in sales at several of our central London depots," he said.

Sandell Perkins now has 70 branches, 66 of which were opened by the year end. Mr Perkins said there were opportunities to add at least another 40 to 50 outlets within the group's existing operating area - its northernmost outlet is in Cambridge.

Sandell Perkins's share of the national builders' merchants market is around 1.5 per cent, but it has 10 per cent and 25 per cent respectively of the South-east and central London markets.

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Optimistic: Timothy Perkins, of Sandell Perkins, yesterday

Financial groups in merger

Comprehensive Financial Services, the USM-quoted financial adviser, has agreed a merger with Rathbone Bros & Company, of Liverpool, in a deal which creates a group with a market capitalization of more than £14 million and above £300 million of private-client funds under management.

CFS will buy Rathbone for a maximum of £5.61 million, to be satisfied by the issue of 292 million new shares at 192p - 855,000 of them deferred and dependent on further evaluation of Rathbone's business.

The agreement needs the blessing of the Bank of England and of the shareholders of CFS. The merged group will change its name to Rathbone Brothers. Rathbone's principal activity is the provision of investment management and other financial services. It has more than £200 million of funds under management and is authorized by the Bank as a banking institution.

Mr Mike Bryant, a director of CFS, said the deal and the name change reflected the need to personalise private-client business.

Construction division setback hits Alfred McAlpine interim

By Our City Staff

A sharp fall in construction profits at Alfred McAlpine, the builder, saw figures drop from £5.7 million to £5.3 million in the six months to end April. However, Mr Bobby McAlpine, the chairman, said he hoped the year-end total would come close to last year's pre-tax profit of £31.4 million, which was boosted by a £3.4 million

writeback on an overseas contract. Sales in the half year rose from £225.5 million to £244.2 million. An interim dividend of 4.5p was declared (4.4p).

The construction division had a bad first quarter, particularly in Britain, and by the period-end profits stood at £900,000, compared with £3.8 million in 1986-87. Overseas construction dropped from

£1.7 million to £200,000. Housing profits, however, were up from £1.6 million to £3.4 million. Mr McAlpine said the division expected to sell 1,500 homes by the year-end at an average price of £85,000.

The minerals business grew slightly to £1.5 million at the half-year, while the property division soared from £900,000 to £1.5 million.

Howden up sharply to £10m

By Martin Waller

A sharp recovery in the fortunes of Howden Group, the Glasgow engineer, was signalled yesterday by pre-tax profits of £10.18 million in the year to end-April, against only £142,000 last time.

The turnaround resulted from the elimination of problems at its Californian wind firm and of losses at the Howden Compressors subsidiary, said the chairman, Mr Johnny Johnson.

The Californian windmill, which contributed to a £7.8

million exceptional debit last time, had been fully recommissioned and the cash drain had ceased, while the compressors side was back in profit despite the fall in the value of the dollar, Mr Johnson said.

A final unchanged dividend of 2.57p makes a total of 3.85p. The chairman added that the orders intake was running at its highest level for a number of years.

Howden believes its Californian experience leaves the company well placed to

win some of the £30 million-worth of government wind turbine orders expected soon.

Last year Howden was awarded two big orders connected with the Channel tunnel - a £15 million contract for two of the main tunneling machines and another for temporary ventilation fans.

Mr John Heron, engineering analyst at Citicorp Springgour Vickers, the brokers, is looking for £16 million pre-tax this year but says this is a conservative estimate.

After eights

Clive Anderson, the transport analyst at broker Kitcat & Aitken, will, I hear, be trying out an unusual method of transport on the Thames to-morrow night. He will be one of the key constituents of a rowing eight from his firm which will compete against the merchant bank Robert Fleming in a race between Hammersmith and Putney Bridges. The "friendly" challenge was laid down by Michael Baines, a fund manager at Flemings, but Anderson now wants to extend it to the rest of the Square Mile. "The Stock Exchange and Lloyd's used to have an annual challenge, but that seems to have been dropped a couple of years ago," Anderson says. "I know it's short notice, but if anyone wanted to take part in an impromptu knockout they would be more than welcome." But, for a so-called "friendly", Kitcat has been training awfully hard. While Fleming has been keeping mum about its entry, I hear that the Kitcat team, led by Alan Kelsey, head of research, is keeping an ace up its sleeve. One of its three oarsmen is none other than Sarah Hunter-Jones, a fund manager at Touche Renmant, who, some may remember, rowed for Britain.

As an all agency called Elgie Stewart Smith claims to have identified an untapped reservoir of disposable income among 40-to-60-year-olds. Described as "Pippies" they are apparently People Inheriting Parents' Property.

Carol Leonard

Brokers change channels

In the week that Phillips & Drew turned out three former partners, two other erstwhile partners have, I hear, set up in opposition to the old firm. Andrew Stewart, another partner with W Carr, specialising in the Far East, who joined the Jersey office of P&D eight years ago, last week launched Channel Islands Portfolio Managers Ltd. It will offer an old-fashioned portfolio and broking service primarily for private clients. Its co-founder is Colin Cavill, also an ex-P&D partner and, together with funding from their own pockets and that of clients, they have, I am told, pieced together a capital base of some £600,000. "We are trying to turn the clock back to provide a more personal service, but using modern technology," says Stewart, who grew up on the islands. "We want clients to be able to get through to us without having to fight their way through a bevy of secretaries and assistants first."

Jumping ships to join them next month will be Dick Crockett, the old chairman of James Capel CI, who had been a Capel's associate since retiring in April last year. And three other ex-P&D colleagues will also be climbing aboard - Angela Peel, Mike Larbalestier and Carolyn Akers. The new duo will, however, retain 75 per cent of the equity and are clearly ambitious. "We might be thinking about a flotation in four or five years' time," Stewart says.

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Iacocca on the attack

Anglo-French financier Sir James Goldsmith takes quite a pasting in *Talking Straight*, the latest tome from Chrysler chairman Lee Iacocca, published last week. Sir James is criticized for being a corporate raider in his move for Goodyear. Iacocca quotes the Goodyear chief as saying that Sir James did not understand the business he was bidding for. "Can you imagine Goodyear being run by some-

Dial a deal

Could this mean the end of the old-style City as we know it? Perhaps, if tests being carried out by US discount broker Charles Schwab & Co prove successful. The Wall Street



firm is testing Telebroker, a system which allows customers to buy and sell shares simply by pushing buttons on a telephone: there is no human contact. "We think of it as the automatic teller machine of the brokerage business," says David Pottruck, the president of Schwab. Using Telebroker is easy enough: after punching in your personal identification number, you can trade shares, obtain an account balance or check a share price. The computer on the other end of the line then confirms your transaction. The cost to the customer will be the same as Schwab's regular commission, but the expense incurred by the firm will be a tenth that of a human broker. Telebroker is expected to be available to Schwab's two million customers later this year, with options trading and mutual funds due to be added to the service soon after.

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FOREIGN EXCHANGES

Sterling index compared with 1975 was same as 1975 (day's range 74.5-75.5)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

OTHER STERLING

Market rates for July 12

	Range	Close	1 month	3 months
New Yrk	1,890.0-1,890.0	1,890.0-1,890.0	0.30-0.28p	0.52-0.50p
Montr	2,030.0-2,030.0	2,030.0-2,030.0	0.12-0.07p	0.44-0.33p
Amsterd	3,509.3-3,573.3	3,519.7-3,573.3	15-14p	44-44p
Brussels	55.75-55.75	55.75-55.75	11-10p	31-31p
Copenh	11,820.0-11,875.0	11,867.0-11,875.0	24-24p	54-54p
Dublin	1,155.4-1,152.1	1,157.4-1,155.4	30-27p	80-77p
Frankfr	253.05-252.85	253.05-252.85	15-14p	44-44p
Labon	253.05-252.85	253.05-252.85	35-30p	105-105p
Maiden	567.20-567.85	567.20-567.85	per-10s	5p-5c
Oslo	220.4-220.4	220.4-220.4	2-2c	5p-5c
Paris	11,305.1-11,348.8	11,335.1-11,348.8	14-24c	75-74c
Stockh	10,470.7-10,518.8	10,505.0-10,518.8	24-24p	75-74p
Tokyo	224.18-222.06	224.18-222.06	11-11p	54-54p
Vienne	21.85-21.57	21.85-21.57	104-94p	314-294p
Zurich	257.00-257.00	2,562.0-2,566.0	15-14p	47-47p

Argentina austral	20.20p
Australia dollar	2.12p
Bahian cruzeiro	0.63p
Brazil cruzeiro	347p
Cyprus pound	2.00p
Denmark kroner	1.63p
Hong Kong dollar	13.21p
Indones	0.63p
Kuwait sand. RD	0.63p
Malaysian ringgit	4.00p
Mexico peso	0.63p
New Zealand dollar	0.50p
Saudi Arabian riyal	3.00p
Singapore dollar	3.00p
South African rand	3.00p
S Africa rand (cont)	3.00p
U A E dirham	3.00p
U.S. dollar	1.00p
Yugoslav dinar	0.63p

Prescriptions = pc. Discount = dc.

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1,458.0-1,458.0	Denmark	7,000.0-7,000.0
Singapore	2,042.0-2,042.0	W Germany	1,835.0-1,835.0
Malaysia	2,042.0-2,042.0	Switzerland	1,835.0-1,835.0
Australia	1,260.2-1,261.0	Netherlands	2,074.5-2,075.5
Canada	1,200.0-1,210.0	France	6,195.0-6,195.0
Sweden	6,600.0-6,600.0	Japan	192.50-192.50

Belgium	1,985.0-1,985.0
Italy (Cont)	96.00p
Algeria	7.00p
Portugal	1.63p
Spain	1.63p
U.S. dollar	1.00p

Rates supplied by Barclays Bank M.O.E. and E.O.L.

MONEY MARKETS

Base Rates % Clearing Banks 10 Finance Hse 8%
Discount Market Rates %
Overnight High Low 6 Week Band: 9
Treasury Bills (Discount) %
Selling: 2 mth - 9 1/4% 3 mth - 9 1/4%
Buy: 2 mth - 9 1/4% 3 mth - 9 1/4%
Prime Bank (Discount) %
2 mth. 9 1/4-9 1/4% 3 mth. 9 1/4-9 1/4% 6 mth. 10-10 1/2%
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Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day 10, 1988. Scheme I: 10.21 per cent. Schemes II & III: 10.12 per cent. Reference rate June 1, 1988 to June 1988. Scheme IV & V: 8.500 per cent.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Open	High	Low	Close	Vol
Three Month Sterling					
Sep 88	89.33	89.34	89.33	89.33	11919
Dec 88	89.33	89.34	89.33	89.33	3480
Mar 89	89.33	89.34	89.33	89.33	863
Jun 89	89.33	89.34	89.33	89.33	972
Sep 89	89.33	89.34	89.33	89.33	0
Dec 89	89.33	89.34	89.33	89.33	0
Mar 90	89.33	89.34	89.33	89.33	0
Jun 90	89.33	89.34	89.33	89.33	0

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Tel: 01-822 6005

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MEDIA & MARKETING

Goodbye Me,
hello Us

OPINION

Rupert Hopkins

In the 1980s, survival has involved being the fittest and richest. A Perrier and iron-pumping lifestyle, geared to physical and professional achievement, is at the heart of an acquisitive and self-aggrandizing society.

But as we approach the 1990s, market research clearly shows a shift away from this individualistic and narcissistic ethos towards a much more collective attitude; a move away from high-spending, fast-living yuppies to more moderate materialists-with-a-conscience. The indications are that they will become the dominant consumer spending group of the next decade.

Growing public concern with the environmental and sociological facts of contemporary life (acid rain, mass unemployment, consumer overkill, AIDS) is effecting a shift from the current every-man-for-himself survivalism to a new community awareness. The Me-generation of the 1980s will give way to the Us-generation of the 1990s.

The effects of this on the marketing industry could be dramatic. Every commodity on the commercial market will require fine-tuning to fit the new philosophy; and some areas of advertising will require a complete re-think. For example, the IBA block on television charity advertising, currently under review, will have to be overruled, as the need to solicit public funds from the private sector grows.

Strong-armed charity appeals will be supported by the increasing use of charity credit cards — the perfect capitalist expression of Us-ism. The Bank of Scotland has already linked up with the NSPCC in a credit-card sales promotion, whereby for each new Visa subscription, the NSPCC receives £5 and thereafter 0.25 per cent on the turnover of these new cards.

Unit Trust systems, whereby wealthy charities benefit from private investment, will

also proliferate. At the same time there will be a return to "safe money" — less risk-taking and therefore less credit.

Ethical investment schemes will gain public credence and there will be a swing to customer-owned building societies. The buzz-phrase for money management will be "warm financial technology". Both the Midland Bank and the Nationwide Building Society have already begun the "customer-orientated" trend with their ads for "Vector" and "Flex" accounts.

As the problems of environmental degradation become more universally pressing, marketing emphasis will be placed on eco-friendly and ecologically sound products. Already clients such as toilet-paper manufacturer Bristol Myers are running ads for chlorofluorocarbon-free deodorants and hairsprays. Saab is promoting cars that run on lead-free petrol (by the mid-1990s such precautionary measures could well be compulsory), while the Body Shop has set the definitive style of future sales strategies by harnessing ecological and animal-welfare concerns to an excellent basic product.

Within five years, practically every product on the supermarket shelves, from recycled toilet paper to additive-free beer, will be exploiting this "environmental edge" to keep itself ahead of own-label and competitive brands.

Us-ism is not an esoteric notion for the select few, neither is it a trivial dogma for the masses. It is about attacking the soft underbelly of middle-class guilt and manufacturers, retailers and service industries of the 1990s will be tailoring their corporate strategies accordingly.

* The 1990 report, compiled by Rupert Hopkins, New Business Director of KBB, with Stuart Bull, Paula Dale and Carolyn Tristram, of the same agency.

Emotion on the rack

Where exactly will *New Woman* fit into the already crowded magazine stands?

Charles Elliott reports

The start of a £500,000 advertising campaign to-night trumpets the arrival of yet another women's magazine in a market where titles appear to be sprouting like daisies.

New Woman, which appears tomorrow, will be the seventh major launch in 18 months. *Prima*, the German import from Gruner and Jahr, was first with its homely formula of knitting patterns and creative cooking tips. Then the title came tumbling down: *Real*, a sister for *Prima*; *Belle*, from German rival Bauer; *Essentials*, a *Prima* lookalike from IPC; *More!*, from EMAP Metro; *Helo!* from the Spanish publisher of *Holà*. Still to come are *Marie Claire*, the thinking woman's fashion monthly, and *Riva*, from Clarim.

Prima's success has concentrated the minds of the UK publishers wonderfully. The remarkable thing is that, so far, almost no one seems to be losing out, with sales of women's magazines up by 9 per cent last year. In theory there is still potential for further expansion, with one in five women currently reading neither a weekly nor a monthly.

But there are inevitable fears that the bubble must sooner or later burst. Adrian Birchall, media director of ad agency DMB&B, says it could be another 18 months before the winners and losers begin to emerge.

There is also concern that too many titles will be chasing too little advertising revenue. Consumer magazines (dominated by the women's titles) have seen their share of the advertising market slide from 7.1 per cent in 1981 to 5.2 per cent last year. Those fears are, however, tempered by a recognition that cheaper printing and distribution, and the growing importance attached to cover prices by publishers, will make magazines less vulnerable to advertising vagaries.

Such is the climate that awaits *New Woman*. The magazine's advertising manager, Laura Avery, is naturally bullish about its prospects: "If the magazine is bought and read, then advertisers will want to be there."

New Woman is modelled on a US version of the same title, bought by Murdoch Magazines four years ago. The so-called "new woman" whom



Joining the family: *New Woman* with the growing band of women's titles

Avery wants to attract has been dissected in the media these past few months like some freshly unearthed anthropological find. Avery believes that she is not so much "new" — her attitudes have been evolving over the past 10 to 15 years — but that she is not catered for by an existing magazine.

"Typically she'll be in her late twenties to early thirties, and because of her age is more likely to be married than single. She may or not work. She's come through the Sixties and

outgrown its attitude. *Options* is too home-orientated, too much about possessions and not enough about relationships for her."

Avery thinks there is a gap for an emotions-led title for the older woman: "It's the younger titles which tend to talk about relationships, yet it's nonsense to suggest that we've all got our relationships sorted out by the time we're 30."

If *Cosmopolitan* and *Options* are *New Woman*'s main rivals in the market at the moment, then *Marie Claire* and *Riva* are likely to keep the magazine on its toes in the coming months. Avery admits that *New Woman*, *Marie Claire* and *Riva* are aiming for a broadly similar kind of woman and that there may be some overlap in readership. But, she says, "The other two seem to be concerned with the outward aspects of a woman's life; *New Woman* talks about the inward aspects. Ours is a very self-indulgent magazine."

The editorial mix, will, she maintains, give *New Woman* a highly distinctive position in the market. The first issue clearly reflects the older age group with items on step-parenting and the financial consequences of divorce. Features show a strong emphasis on emotions, with pieces on marriage and self-confidence. Fashion, meanwhile, is a slender six-page affair, and a "Fast and Delicious" cooking section is the only concession to home life. Sumptuous interiors are conspicuous by their absence. This is not, it seems, the magazine to tell you how to be more beautiful, how to trample office rivals underfoot, or how to run a house which is a cross between a film set for *The Great Gatsby* and a restaurant with three Michelin rosettes.

From a commercial point of view, competitive advertising rates, slightly below the industry average, are a point in *New Woman*'s favour: the first issue boasts a broad range of advertisers from Christian Dior to United Biscuits, from Givenchy to Ford. Also on its side is the News International distribution network (*New Woman* will be the only women's monthly distributed by a national newspaper network), and the promise of Murdoch money.

New Woman's resources are indeed enviable, but it will be the celebrated "new woman" herself who ultimately decides this magazine's fate. Its editor, Frankie McGowan, is said to have a keen nose for what her readers want. Keen, in this buoyant but busy market-place, it will have to be.

Shelling out...

What lies behind the biggest arts sponsorship ever?

With Kistree studios about to close and public service television due to be zapped senseless by satellite, it may seem a strange time to make an expensive gesture of faith in British film and television. By way of explanation, Bob Reid, chief executive of Shell UK, which yesterday announced it was putting £3 million into the British Academy for Film and Television Arts (BAFTA) over three years, points to the company's long record as a sponsor of the arts. He spoke also of the importance of television and films in projecting abroad "an image of Britain" that reflects glory on British industry.

Though there is a suspicion that after 50 years as a maker of documentary shorts, Shell may be sharpening its profile for a relaunch of its film division, no one at BAFTA is interested in querying motives.

This is the largest ever performing arts sponsorship (Colin Tweedy, of the Association for Business Sponsorship of the Arts, says that Royal Insurance's £1.1 million sponsorship funding of the BBC is the next highest). Most notably the deal will mean that from 1990 there will be a biennial International Film and Television Festival for the Arts in London, with prizes for the best popular arts programme. There will also be a new BAFTA award for a British actor who has made an outstanding contribution to world cinema. The first award, to Dirk Bogarde, will be televised on ITV in October.

Other projects — such as paying for new equipment at BAFTA, and television festivals — will be directly aimed at industry insiders.

Worthy though all these schemes are, they are unlikely to send audiences strapping back to the cinema. Eves Dick Nyro, manager of Shell's corporate relations, admits he has not seen a film in the cinema since *Out of Africa* and is no great viewer of television.

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It pays to prepare for a crisis

When disaster strikes, companies are increasingly turning to experts to keep their image intact. Carys Bowen-Jones reports on crisis PR

Within the space of a few days last week Occidental Petroleum, the United States government and Milupa, the babyfood manufacturer, found themselves plunged into unforeseen crises.

The explosion of the Piper Alpha platform, the blowing up of the Iranian Airbus, and the contamination of a batch of baby milk will have sent all three reaching for a form of public relations which for many companies is increasingly becoming "a management necessity rather than a luxury", as one expert puts it: crisis PR.

At this moment in Aberdeen, Alex Blake-Milton, of Occidental Petroleum, is organizing the kind of operation which the public relations chief of every oil company dreams — a 24-hour service for the journalists covering the disaster, with teams of six to eight PR officers working shifts. "All our teams were trained in how to respond in an emergency," he said yesterday. "You can never be completely satisfied, but I am very pleased with how our people are doing."

The lessons learnt in Aberdeen will not be wasted. Traditionally the preserve of conspicuously vulnerable industries like oil, crisis PR is now being embraced by a growing number of firms which have previously regarded themselves as relatively risk-immune. Food manufacturers in particular are recognizing that the rise in the number of cases of product contamination, accidental or deliberate, is laying them open to potentially damaging publicity.

The strength of consumerism, too, is causing firms to look closely at their capacity for dealing with difficult or disastrous situations.

This opens a broadening seam of business for PR consultancies such as Burson-Marsteller, Biss Lancaster, and Sterling. They are re-



Pitched into the news: companies can be trained to cope with disasters — and disastrous headlines

sponding to the demand with crisis PR packages tailor-made to the company's needs, designed to teach it how to deal with a range of crises and to minimize their impact on the company's image in the long term.

There is nothing magical about crisis PR, Burson, Biss and Sterling all begin by isolating the most likely crises that could hit a particular company. They then develop a "contingency programme" covering the logistics and communication skills needed to deal with the problem. "A lot of crisis PR falls down because basic communications — enough

telephones and faxes, home numbers of relevant people, office numbers — are not in place," says Adele Biss, co-founder of Biss Lancaster.

All the experts stress the importance of those logistics and highlight a number of vital guidelines:

- Talk to insurance and legal advisers and, if appropriate, next of kin, before talking to the media.
- Liaise closely with the emergency services, which may well be passing comment on the company.
- Minimize the number of people

who talk to the media — ideally to only one or two.

- Be aware that competitors may well try to exploit the situation.
- Keep the media informed of what is happening and when information will next be released.

The guidelines sound common-sense enough, but recent events show just how easy they are to overlook in practice. After the Iranian Airbus was shot down, for example, a Pentagon spokesman's first response was a categorical denial. By the end of the day the Pentagon had admitted the blunder.

When Milupa powdered milk from the potentially contaminated batch was found to be still on display in shops, it emerged that while Milupa was relying on the DHSS to tell retailers, the DHSS assumed that Milupa would be taking care of that itself.

And some PR consultants are critical of Townsend Thoreson for not having enough phone lines, and having too many spokespeople contradicting one another, following the Zeebrugge tragedy.

But perhaps the most important job of the PR specialist is in training company personnel to cope with a crisis. As part of their programmes they draft in actors, journalists, video and camera crews to simulate real life crises. Sterling's Woods has enlisted the services of news presenter Martin Lewis to "doorstep" with a camera crew, an unsuspecting chief executive on his way to work, confronting him with a hypothetical disaster.

The company chairman must be aware of how he looks as well as what he says. PR consultants are fond of citing the salutary tale of the Coal Board official greeting local dignitaries at the Aberfan disaster with a well-intentioned smile which, when pictured in the press, looked starkly inappropriate.

The importance of a firm's ability to handle its crisis PR effectively cannot be exaggerated. Martin Langford, vice-chairman of Burson, which worked on the salmonella contamination of the Farley's factory a few years ago and trains a number of oil companies in crisis PR — explains: "A company can insure against the cost of tampering, recalling a product, and sometimes even against the cost of re-introducing a product. What it can't insure against is the way it will be perceived by the media and by its customers."

BYLINES

Slimming Record

Remarkable scenes at the Mirror Group's Scottish Daily Record, where only a couple of years ago management and workforce were at each other's throats in a dispute over working practices. Thirty-four of the 165 journalists on the Glasgow-based Record and sister paper the Sunday Mail have just taken voluntary redundancy, following some 30 colleagues who have drifted away over the past two years. The latest batch includes the Record's admired picture editor George McEwan and star writer Stan Shivas, and Mail assistant editor Jack Miles. The NUJ has raised no objection to this "streamlining", and says it is taking "a more realistic view, post-Murdoch".

The Record's circulation in June was itself a record at more than 768,300 and its profitability is not in doubt, but the paper is looking over its shoulder at The Sun, whose Scottish edition, produced by fewer journalists in Glasgow than work out of the Record's Edinburgh office alone, now sells more than 260,000 copies a day.

Out to lunch

ACTT general secretary Alan Sapper will not be having lunch with the Broadcasting Press Guild today despite accepting the invitation two months ago. He is on holiday abroad, as the Guild found out on Monday, by accident. Guild chairman Harvey Lee is a little miffed...

Going solo

Two of the BBC's leading TV documentary makers are off to set up as independent producers. George Carey, a former editor of Panorama, has already left the BBC; Jenny Barraclough is to join him shortly... And another senior BBC man, Mick Rhodes, head of science and features, is returning to programme-making at the age of 52 to produce a major series on "reproductive strategies" in the natural world and human society (sex, to you).

Cheaper data

All the stories in The Times and The Sunday Times — representing about four megabytes (or four million characters) a week — are available from this month on the Profile Information database, which includes all the other qualities except The Independent. Unlike the others, however, Profile stories from the Wapping papers are captured directly from the journalists' own input, saving the cost of re-keying or scanning. They can then be re-used as the papers' own library, which should be on stream soon. It took Richard Withey, NI's database manager, and his team a year to set up the system.

Express design

John Hill, design consultant at the Mirror Group for the past 18 months, is quitting for a similar job at Express Newspapers, where managing director Andrew Cameron and chairman Lord Stevens evidently think their three national titles are looking a little tired. Hill previously spent eight years as design consultant on the Daily Mail and now apparently hankers for the world of real newspapers, after 18 months working on projects like Mirror Group's mid-market Newday and the English-language European, still in the dummy stage.

In brief...

Nineteen ninety-two has spawned its first magazine: European Business will launch this autumn under the editorship of Tim Hindle, a former senior staffer at The Economist, covering business topics across the whole of Europe from Turkey to Iceland... IT Matters, whose eclectic stable of publications already includes the English-language Pravda, the Commons magazine The House and the Bucks Examiner, is launching a new weekly newspaper, Soho News, this autumn under the editorship of Stephen Clackson, once assistant editor of the Standard... Ian McIntyre, one-time controller of Radio 3, has scotched rumours that he is to be Sir William Rees-Mogg's deputy at the Broadcasting Standards Council, denying that he has been approached...

Nick Higham

Split screen

The dream of an ITV 'super union' is threatened by a rift in ACTT's ranks

A new national television union could emerge from the ashes of what passes for industrial relations in that industry. But it may not be the super-union envisaged by leaders of TV's two main existing unions, the Association of Cinematograph, Television and Allied Technicians (ACTT) and the Broadcasting and Entertainment Trades Alliance (Beta). Members of ACTT's powerful ITV Division do not want such a super-union. Their 7,000 members make up a

quarter of ACTT's membership but their subscriptions account for more than 60 per cent of its income. They fear further erosion of their influence if proposals for the merged super-union go ahead.

Two weeks ago the ITV division voted to set up a four person sub-committee to look at "alternatives" to a merger. Officials in the division admit this means little more than a unilateral declaration of independence from ACTT.

ACTT was to have discussed the ITV Division threat at an executive meeting

last Wednesday, but the matter was postponed until today, because of a more pressing matter on the agenda — the parlous state of the union's own finances. Roy Lockett, deputy general secretary of ACTT, says: "The possibility

of such a breakaway union at this stage would be disastrous. It would be precisely what the employers want."

The employers are the ITV companies. They are being pressed from all sides to reach new agreements with the

unions. But ACTT's ITV division has rejected the ITV companies' new "core" proposal, designed to replace a national agreement which has operated for 30 years.

So, as of last Monday, there has been no national agreement in the TV industry. One ACTT shop steward claimed this week he was operating under four different negotiating procedures. "It is an extremely complicated structure," he says.

Senior members of ACTT's ITV division see their proposed breakaway union as a

solution to this. They believe ITV companies would prefer to deal with one union.

But the official line at the ITV Association is: "We will consider the emergence of a new union when it arises."

Not all members of ACTT's ITV Division are in favour of a new union. But up at Yorkshire TV the local ACTT shop has reportedly discussed stopping payment of subscriptions to the union and using the money to finance the breakaway.

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Van Poppel's dash downhill proves his sprinting status

From John Wilcockson, Besençon

Jean-Paul van Poppel, in winning the tenth stage of the Tour de France yesterday, proved emphatically that he is the fastest cyclist in the world in a tight sprint finish.

In the downhill dash to the finish outside the Congress Centre here, he waited until the final 50 yards before moving to the outside and sweeping past the group of riders who were turning their highest gears in a blur of blurring pedals and blurred legs. In his wake came a *Who's Who* of top sprinters, including Malcolm Elliott, of Britain, who took a fine fifth place.

Two and a half hours earlier, when the race crossed the Ballon de Servance, a win for van Poppel looked highly unlikely. He was then in a group of 30 backmarkers who laboured up the narrow, bumpy mountain road, more than five minutes behind the two leaders, Robert Millar and

the Dutchman, Steven Rooks. Millar was carrying out his intention of amassing points for the King of the Mountains competition. The Scot easily beat Rooks in the sprint at the crowded, 3,700-foot summit, having pulled one minute clear of the main race favourites.

Meanwhile, van Poppel was being paced back to the bunch by five team colleagues. Once that mission was accomplished, the Dutch riders set about chasing a group of four counter-attackers who had established a lead of three minutes.

Prominent in the high-speed, tactical racing before the sprint was Sean Yates, who was closing gaps in the hope that Elliott, his teammate, would stand a chance of victory. But there was no hope of upstaging Van Poppel in such a situation.

Going in to today's stage — at 144 miles, the longest of the

race — which finishes in the Alps, there is no change to the overall lead, but it is made for a change by Luis Herrera, of Colombia, who is 3min 28sec behind the leader, Steve Bauer.

It was on an almost identical route three years ago that Bernard Hinault established himself as the Tour winner when he broke clear in the mountains with Herrera. Hinault is now a race director and he, like everyone else, will be watching with interest to see if the Colombian can again take the initiative.

RESULTS: Tenth stage (103 miles, Besençon to Besençon). 1, J-P van Poppel (Ned), 2, R. Millar (GB), 3, S. Rooks (Ned), 4, M. Elliott (GB), 5, M. Yates (GB), 6, D. P. (GB), 7, S. Yates (GB), 8, J. (GB), 9, J. (GB), 10, J. (GB), 11, J. (GB), 12, J. (GB), 13, J. (GB), 14, J. (GB), 15, J. (GB), 16, J. (GB), 17, J. (GB), 18, J. (GB), 19, J. (GB), 20, J. (GB), 21, J. (GB), 22, J. (GB), 23, J. (GB), 24, J. (GB), 25, J. (GB), 26, J. (GB), 27, J. (GB), 28, J. (GB), 29, J. (GB), 30, J. (GB), 31, J. (GB), 32, J. (GB), 33, J. (GB), 34, J. (GB), 35, J. (GB), 36, J. (GB), 37, J. (GB), 38, J. (GB), 39, J. (GB), 40, J. (GB), 41, J. (GB), 42, J. (GB), 43, J. (GB), 44, J. (GB), 45, J. (GB), 46, J. (GB), 47, J. (GB), 48, J. (GB), 49, J. (GB), 50, J. (GB), 51, J. (GB), 52, J. (GB), 53, J. (GB), 54, J. (GB), 55, J. (GB), 56, J. (GB), 57, J. (GB), 58, J. (GB), 59, J. (GB), 60, J. (GB), 61, J. (GB), 62, J. (GB), 63, J. (GB), 64, J. (GB), 65, J. (GB), 66, J. (GB), 67, J. (GB), 68, J. (GB), 69, J. 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RACING

Abbott pursuing realistic aims on behalf of owners

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RACING: LEADING JOCKEY SET FOR SIX WINNERS IN TWO-MEETING STINT

Promising True Panache ready to reward industrious Eddery

By Mandarini
(Michael Phillips)

With meetings now taking place regularly in the afternoon and evenings these are busy times for our leading jockeys.

And none more so than Pat Eddery who, with the aid of his own aeroplane, tends to find himself doing a two-meeting stint most days as he endeavours to consolidate his position at the top of the table.

On the corresponding day last year, he was at Bath in the afternoon where he landed a treble before travelling to Kempton where he registered a double.

Today, he has prospects of doing even better because there is ground for thinking that he should have a couple of winners at Bath before going on to ride a likely four-timer on the Sunbury track.

The Eddery double at Bath should comprise Gold Tint (3.0) and Mithmaz (4.30).

Gold Tint, my selection for the Hamilton Handicap, is a lightly raced colt by Ghint Of Gold out of a mare who traces back to that fine stayer Almeira.

With a pedigree like that today's distance of two miles and a furlong should not be a problem for Gold Tint, who is

likely to have derived considerable benefit from that initial outing at Beverley where he won by 10 lengths in spite of looking very green.

Mithmaz, my selection for the Westgate Handicap, showed commendable tenacity at Epsom at the beginning of June when he made virtually all the running to score under 9st 7lb.

The way that he plugged on that day suggested that a slightly extended trip would not bother him. So I expect him to be in his element again this afternoon racing over this sharp mile.

At Kempton, Ultimate Dream can start the ball rolling for the Eddery fan club by winning the USM Nursery. For her winning form at Bath last month got a timely boost at Salisbury on Saturday when runner-up Absolutely Humming was easily.

Then I expect Eddery to win the International Dealers Maiden Stakes on True Panache, so much so that I am happy to go nap on this finely

bred colt — by Mr Prospector out of Dural — who so nearly beat the useful Magnus Pym first time out at Newbury.

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Death of David Hedges

By Michael Seely

Racing folk, and particularly those involved with the world of the international bloodstock sales, will be saddened to hear of the sudden death, at his home near Bath on Monday night, of David Hedges, 52.

For the past 15 years Hedges had acted as the European representative of the Keeneland Sales Association. His death occurred on the eve of their important July Sale, which takes place next Monday and Tuesday.

Hedges started his journalistic career with the Express and Echo at Exeter in the late 1940s. He joined the Press Association in 1951 and moved to the Evening Standard in 1956.

He went to the Sports Life a year later and contributed a regular article on international topics. In 1964, Hedges became the founder director of the Racing Information Bureau.

In 1966, he moved to the Totalisator, where he continued to serve his interests when he sold the IRB.

Yesterday, Ted Bassett, the chairman of Keeneland, paid tribute to Hedges as a man of

Keeneland's bridge across the Atlantic. His abiding interests and dedication to international racing will never be forgotten.

He leaves a widow, Susan, and a daughter from his first marriage.

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BATH

By Mandarini

2.0 Regency Fair, 2.30 Lady Leman, 3.0 Gold Tint, 3.30 Belhaven Bill, 4.0 Cotton On Quick, 4.30 Mithmaz.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

2.0 Jecwan, 2.30 Lady Leman, 3.0 Trojan Legend, 4.0 Cotton On Quick.

Going: good Draw: 5f-1m, low numbers best

2.0 LIMPLY STOKE MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O fillies: £2,136: 1m 50yds) (16 runners)

1 000 BEST OF BRITISH 19 D Arthur 8-11 M Roberts 3
2 000 THOUGHTFUL 16 H Conry 8-11 W Roberts 14
3 000 GLENDA 1 Cume 8-11 W Roberts 14
4 000 JEWELL 15 H Thomson Jones 8-11 R Hills 12
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2.0 TURFALL APPRENTICE HANDICAP (2:20, £1,411: 1m 50yds) (11 runners)

1 000 EVERY EIGHT 18 (CJ) R Hills 8-10
2 000 LADY LEMAN 11 (F) R J Williams 3-5
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The Times previews the Open Championship which starts tomorrow

Open sesame as Faldo changes course

Nick Faldo did more than alter his swing in winning the Open Championship at Muirfield last year. He exchanged truculence for tranquility.

It took the Open title for Faldo to realize the importance of not being too earnest and then to come to terms with life itself. It is not unnatural for a sportsman, fired by an insatiable appetite for success, to alienate his contemporaries. A blinkered outlook will create situations which rivals will manipulate.

Faldo tumbled into such mischief and malice from the moment he was said to have reported Sandy Lyle for putting sticking plaster on his putter during the Nigerian Open in 1979. Lyle was penalized and Faldo stirred up a bitterness towards him from a section of the golfing entourage. He could have handled the situation more diplomatically. A word with Lyle while they were on the course would have erased any possibility of Faldo being branded a sneak.

What transpired was a rivalry between Faldo and Lyle born not only of back-patch and locker-room gossip but also by the desire of both players to assume Tony Jacklin's position as the British No. 1.

Faldo's obsession with golf began when he watched Jack Nicklaus on television during the school holidays in 1971. He promptly severed his links with other sports. And such was his commitment to golf, from his teens into his twenties, that it broke his first marriage.

Faldo was no more than a naive young man with an overwhelming exuberance for golf which left little time for other things; but he was driven by ambition rather than avarice. You cannot become a recluse, however, if your place of work is the golf course.

So there was no escaping the spotlight which panned on him. It probed his professional talent as well as his private life. "First off, they labelled me a loner," Faldo said. "That was wrong because I had plenty of friends. I simply didn't hang around the clubhouse after a round with the other players."

The talk did not deter Faldo. He dominated the amateur scene, winning the English Amateur Championship at Royal Lytham and St Annes in 1975; he became a professional and his career was launched in the 1977 Ryder Cup, played, coincidentally, on the same Fylde links. He squeezed what honour could be extracted from another reversal against the Americans. He won both his matches partnering Peter Oosterhuis and his singles against Tom Watson, who was then the Open champion.

Faldo's star was in the ascendancy. It



Then and now: Faldo a decade ago, a long-haired rookie trailing in the game of life; and Faldo after the turn in his fortunes, his happiness more than trophy-shaped

climbed higher as he followed his victory in the 1978 PGA Championship, also on the Lancashire coast at Royal Birkdale with a succession of high-class performances. In 1983 he led the Order of Merit, following five wins, and in 1984 he won the Heritage Classic on the United States tour.

Then the star flickered. There were marriage problems. Faldo could not comprehend the intrusion into his own private life. He was subjected to close examination, especially when his game disintegrated.

"I made mistakes — who doesn't? — and maybe certain things should never have happened," he said. "It was a bad time. I entered the biggest slide of my career. The pressure built up and things went from bad to worse."

Lyle won the Open Championship in 1985. He had beaten Faldo to the dream target. So, as Faldo staggered through that season and the next without a win of any description, he became increasingly, perhaps understandably, morose.

It was the one chink in his armour which he could not conceal as he worked tirelessly on the swing changes suggested

by David Leadbetter, the British-born teacher. "There came a time when it did appear he was slipping into a shell," Leadbetter said.

The frustration of completing the jigsaw generated a deep intensity that spectators detected as an indifference towards competing. They turned their heads as he threw up his arms in despair when a shot refused to obey his command.

"I had asked David to throw the book at me," Faldo said. "At times the

changes he was making me undergo felt weird, really crazy."

Leadbetter said: "Nick hung in when others would have dropped out. Come hell or high water, he was determined to get it right. It was a gamble, and he suffered a lot of criticism, but he went all the way down the road. His original swing may have looked beautiful but it would never have stood up to the pressure at Muirfield."

Faldo was preoccupied by the search for perfection. His second marriage, to Gill, and the birth of their daughter, Natalie, provided him with the calming

HIGHLIGHTS OF FALDO'S CAREER

Attachment: Bride Hall Group.
Born: 18.7.57, Welwyn Garden City, Hertfordshire.
Residence: Ascot.
Height: 6ft 3in.
Weight: 14stone.
Family: Wife: Jill; Child: Natalie.
Special interests: Fly fishing, motor racing.
Turned professional: 1976.
Tournament victories: 1975: English Amateur Championship, British Youth's Open Amateur Championship, 1977: Skol Lager, 1978: PGA Championship, 1978: UCL Tournament (South Africa), 1980: PGA Championship, 1981: PGA Championship, 1982: Tournament Players Championship, 1983: French Open, Martin International, Car Care Plan International, Lawrence Batley International, European Masters, 1984: Sea Pines Heritage Classic (USA), Car Care Plan International, 1987: Spanish Open, Open Championship, 1988: Peugeot French Open.
Teams: Ryder Cup: 1977, 1978, 1981, 1983, 1985, 1987; Hennessy Cognac Cup: 1978, 1980, 1982, 1984; Dunhill Cup: 1985, 1986, 1987; Kinn Cup: 1987.

influence of a contented home life. "I'm more relaxed now," he said. "Golf is no longer everything in my life. I've changed and I suppose that is the result of maturing. I'm a bit older, wiser. I'm really just a normal guy. Whether I play very well or very badly, it doesn't matter a damn to my daughter when I walk back through the door. Nothing keeps your feet on the floor or your mind off work more than a child who just wants to play. They bring a whole new meaning to life."

He had not enjoyed such peace of mind since those formative years when his adoring parents watched him grow into a strapping 6ft 3in man with a special affinity for golf.

"I said all along, even in the darkest days, that Nick could do it," Gill said. "He's so determined. He's so dedicated. He's a real professional."

The final tribute to Faldo comes from Lyle himself. "I think Nick has done very well," he said. "He had those swing problems and his confidence was battered to pieces but he came back so well to win at Muirfield. I feel that he is happier with himself. The tension has gone. He has become a more complete golfer. But he also knows, like any, that you cannot rest on your laurels. When you get to the top you have to invest 100 per cent to stay there."

Mitchell Phillips
Golf Correspondent

Play alongside the game's celebrities

The Times marks the Open Championship by presenting a golf competition with two attractive prizes: places in the Jackson Property Services/Henry Cooper Classic at La Manga Club, Spain, in October.

The two winners will have a full week, from October 15, in the tournament, which is run in aid of the Variety Club of Great Britain Sunshine Coaches Charity, and is one of the most entertaining pro-ams on the calendar.

The event is supported by many celebrities, all keen to help the Variety Club charity, and Severiano Ballesteros hopes to spend a full day at the event, subject to his availability. Jackson Property Services have taken on full sponsorship of the tournament, which is being staged at La Manga Club sports and leisure resort on the Costa Blanca.

Our winners will fly from London to Spain, be accommodated at La Manga Club, play on all five competition days, and have £150 each in cash to help their enjoyment of the occasion.

To enter, study the five questions, complete the entry

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form with the answers and your name and address and club handicap, and send it to: La Manga Club Golf Competition, Sports Department, The Times, 1 Pennington Street, London E1 9XN. The closing date for entries is Monday, July 25. The winners will be the senders of the first two correct entries drawn from all those received by the closing date.

QUESTIONS

- 1 Who was second to Tony Jacklin in the 1969 Open Championship at Lytham?
- 2 Where did Arnold Palmer win the Spanish Open in 1975?
- 3 Who won the Spanish Open championship at Pedrena this year?
- 4 When was there last a playoff for the Open Championship?
- 5 Where is the 1990 Open Championship due to be played?

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Lytham about to tee off for another milestone

By John Hennessy

If precedent is followed this week, Royal Lytham and St Annes will make a memorable impact on Open Championship history. The club, which celebrated its centenary two years ago, has staged the event seven times in all and it left a mark for posterity on each occasion, from the time that Bobby Jones won the first of his three Opens in 1926. Since he was, unfortunately, an amateur, the remarkable record stands to this day that no American professional has ever won at Lytham.

Jones's achievement is immortalized in a plaque set into a bank at the elbow of the 17th fairway. It commemorates the make-or-break stroke he played from a bunker there in the fourth round. Using a hickory-shafted masher, about the equivalent of a four or five-iron, he struck the ball across the green for an improbable par four.

Standing by the spot yesterday, with no view of the flag, it was possible to appreciate the words of Bernard Darwin at the time in *The Times*. Had Jones taken another teaspoonful of sand, the sage of Downe recorded, he would have been dead.

Stands were erected, another Open first, at Lytham in 1963, to enable spectators to witness the velvet putting touch of Bob Charles. The New Zealander

was, and is, the only left-handed winner.

British hearts were lifted in 1969 by Tony Jacklin, not the first home-based winner, of course, but the first since Arnold Palmer began an annual American invasion in 1960. It was the first year of colour television.

Finally, in 1979, Lytham was the setting for the arrival of a young Spanish genius. Severiano Ballesteros's victory was greeted with some scorn by American observers because of his disregard for the fairways. They were later made to realize the extraordinary qualities of the "car park" golfer.

The original course, hard by St Annes station, a mile or so up the line towards Blackpool, was soon to be gobbled up by urban development and the club moved to its present site in 1896.

Little has changed since, except that the eighth, originally a short hole, was lengthened in 1926 to a par four and the ninth correspondingly reduced. Oh, and the prize-money, of course. The winner in Bobby Jones's day had been a professional, would have received £75. A cheque for £80,000 awaits the new champion on Sunday.

Draw is fillip for Torrance

Sam Torrance was given the perfect antidote for his ailing golfing fortunes when he was paired with Jack Nicklaus and Raymond Floyd for the first round of the Open.

He said: "It is a fantastic draw for me. I played the first three rounds with Jack last year and I can hardly believe my luck in being paired with him again. He has always been my hero because for me he is the greatest

golfer there has ever been. To have Ray in the group makes it just perfect."

Torrance, troubled by his putting this season, believes he may have found the cure with a little help from Lee Trevino. "I played a practice round with Lee today and he gave me some tips," Torrance said. "I am feeling more comfortable on the greens."

Nicklaus, too, should be

happy as for once he has not had a late afternoon starting time. Even so, he will need to order an early breakfast. The group will go out at 7.48 a.m. and that could create an early morning traffic problem. The defending champion, tees off alongside Ian Baker-Finch, of Australia, and Fred Couples, of Australia, and Sandy Lyle is among the late starters, with Paul Azinger and David Ishai.

DRAW FOR FIRST TWO ROUNDS OF THE OPEN

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(CAN), B Corstvet (US).
10.55 and 15.30 D Whelan, Cien-Soon Lu
(Taiwan), T Eason (US).
11.06 and 16.41 J Woodman, L Nelson
(US), C Beck (US).
11.17 and 15.52 A McCloskey, T Webber
(CAN), D Haden (SWE).
11.28 and 16.03 P Baker, R Commons
(US), N Burke.
11.39 and 16.14 A Nash, W Smith (AUS), A
Corti.
11.50 and 16.25 G Stafford, J Cabo (Sp), J
Morgan.
12.01 and 17.15 M Smith, J Cook, C
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12.12 and 17.26 A Chandler, J Higgins, P
Kent.
12.23 and 17.37 P McWhinney, P
Broadhurst, S Bishop.
12.34 and 17.48 K Brown, B Charles (NZ).
12.45 and 17.59 J Rivero (Sp), T
Johnstone (ZIM), L Trevino (US).
12.56 and 18.10 A Rogers, P Akasaka
(Nigeria), I Armour II.
13.07 and 18.21 C O'Connor jr, N Price
(SA), D Peadar (US).
13.18 and 18.48 E Armstrong (AUS), D A
Russell, C Moody.
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07.18 and 11.00 R Mackay (AUS), D J
Russell, T Foster.
07.28 and 12.01 M Persson (SWE), L
Judd.
07.37 and 12.12 C Tucker, P Mitchell, P
Carmen.
07.48 and 12.23 S Torrance, R Floyd (US),
J Nicklaus, J Hoss (US).
07.59 and 12.34 A Forsbrand (SWE), D
Graham (AUS), D Love III (US).
08.03 and 12.38 P Walker, P Mitchell, P
Carmen.
08.14 and 12.49 J McQuibban (Sp), P
Fowler (AUS), M McCumber (US).
08.25 and 13.07 R Richardson (SA), G
Corti.
08.36 and 13.18 J McQuibban (Sp), P
Fowler (AUS), M McCumber (US).
08.47 and 13.29 S Ballesteros (Sp), P
Fowler (AUS), F Zoller (US).
08.58 and 13.40 O Selberg (SWE), D Frost
(SA), H Green (US).
09.10 and 13.51 L Tucker (AUS), E Romero
(ARG), C Perry (AUS).
09.21 and 14.02 B Lane, H Mashiel
(US), J Hoss (US).
09.32 and 14.13 D Durheim, S Verplank
(US), M Calzaguet (US).
09.43 and 14.24 M Langer (SWE), W Riley
(AUS), C Pavin (US).
09.54 and 14.35 M Pithon (Sp), Cien-
Soon Lu (Taiwan), P Stewart (US).
10.05 and 14.46 E Derry, N Razzette (AUS),
J Miller (US).
10.16 and 14.57 R Rafferty, A Bean (US),
M O'Meara (US).
10.27 and 15.08 N Fazio, I Baker-Finch
(AUS), F Couples (US).
10.38 and 15.19 N Heron, J Howell (US),
A Magee (US).
10.49 and 15.30 J-H Chazabai (Sp), H
Bacchi (SA), L Wadhwa (US).
10.59 and 15.41 D Cooper, A Jackson, E
Baker-Finch (AUS).
11.10 and 15.52 R Davis (AUS), L Mize
(US), C Strange (US).
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T Trevino (US).
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G Pym (US).
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Koch (US).
11.54 and 16.36 M James, M Harwood
(AUS), A North (US).
12.05 and 16.47 S Lyle, D Ishai (US), P
Azinger (US).
12.16 and 16.58 R Lee, J Bland (SA), B
Langer (US).
12.27 and 17.09 G Townhill, W Grady
(AUS), F Couples (US).
12.38 and 17.20 D Prosser, M Roe, G
Taylor (AUS).
12.49 and 17.31 J Rystrom (SWE), D Thore
(US), J Hederstrom (SWE).
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H Sutton (US).
13.11 and 17.53 D Jones, S Stephen, D
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Determined Crenshaw out to change history

By Mitchell Phillips



Crenshaw: still suffers bad dreams of 1979



Azinger: nightmare last two holes in 1987

den Crenshaw's knowledge of the history of golf is as sound as his knack of holding important puts. Yet even Crenshaw can offer no reasonable explanation as to why an American professional has registered an Open Championship triumph at Royal Lytham and St Annes.

Bobby Jones, of course, won an amateur in 1926, since when the winners on the Lancashire links have been Bobby Locke, of South Africa (1952), Peter Thomson, of Australia (1958), Bob Charles, of New Zealand (1963), Tony Jacklin (1969), Gary Player, of South Africa (1974), and the Spaniard, Severiano Ballesteros (1979).

"I've never been able to figure out the reason for it," Crenshaw

said. "I've explored all manner of avenues and the bottom line is that it just hasn't happened. But it is a fine golf course, so I suppose we have to write it down to sheer coincidence."

Crenshaw, however, would be the first to acknowledge that it is not sheer coincidence which has slammed the Open Championship door shut on the American challenge since Tom Watson won in 1983.

To Crenshaw, a major championship has never been just another tournament. "I appreciate and love the game. I've studied it since I was a teenager. I can tell you at which point all the championships were won and lost."

What is most certainly etched in Crenshaw's

mind is how he cut away his chance of winning at Lytham in 1979. "I've rolled over many times in my sleep thinking of the six I took on the 17th," he said. "If I had posted a four there, then it would have looked a lot different for Seve. But he was behind me and he did make a great three at the 16th."

Crenshaw is a passionate man whose temperament at times in the past proved an Achilles' heel. Yet so American, aside from Jack Nicklaus and Tom Watson, would be more warmly received as champion on Sunday than Crenshaw. Moreover, it would be a triumph over adversity because after winning the Masters in 1984, Crenshaw endured a heartbreaking 18-month

Azinger has proved he can survive the blows

Paul Azinger was the loneliest man at Muirfield last July (Mitchell Phillips writes).

Take no credit from Nick Faldo — he set the target with those phenomenal 18 successive pars — but acknowledge that Azinger is aware that he snatched defeat from the jaws of victory. "I knew where I stood all day," he recalled. "I don't bogey the last two holes very often. It just wasn't my time. I didn't choke. I just didn't win. It is as simple as that."

Nothing is quite so simple. Azinger went home to Bradenton, Florida, insisting that nobody should feel sorry for him. He said: "I was proud of the way I played. I enjoyed being centre-stage and I can honestly say I wasn't afraid to win."

The critics, however, were quick to suggest that Azinger

would fall straight back into the abyss of anonymity from which he rose by winning three times on the US tour in 1987 before his arrival at Muirfield. The daggers were sharpened with every subsequent failure until he won the Bay Hill Classic in March.

"I felt 100 per cent better after that," he said. "A lot of people had put pressure on me. There were question marks at the end of every article on Paul Azinger."

What encourages Azinger now is that he proved at Muirfield that he can survive if the wind blows. He drives the ball long and low, an obvious asset on the links, and he has few peers when it comes to escaping from bunkers. The sands of Lytham may once again provide the clue to winning and losing.

Thus Crenshaw has regained winning form. What matters most to him now is winning the Open Championship. "Yes, it would leave a void in my life if at the end of my career I hadn't won the Open. But I feel I have a better chance because my game today is more consistent."

"There are a whole host of Americans who can win. Tom Watson has played some great golf recently. Paul Azinger finished runner-up last year, and Bobby Jones once said that you never learn anything from winning. Others, like Chris Strachan, Peter Oosterhuis, Tom Kite and Mark O'Meara, must have a fighting chance."

Yet the real bottom line is as, as answering Lytham's American enigma would be for Crenshaw to win it himself.

Tomorrow: Hole-by-hole guide to Lytham by Severiano Ballesteros

SPORTS POLITICS

Minister's sport policy under fire on all fronts

Whatever the outcome, Cram will have some useful company.

It leaves Martin calling the tune for Olympic selection. A fast two miles here should sharpen him nicely for a 5,000

Barrier to success: world championship medal-winner, Jon Ridgeon, must overcome illness now (Photograph: Ian Stewart)

From Pat Butcher, Athletics Correspondent, Dublin

From Pat B

Ireland, rather than Britain, has always proved greener pastures for Yuri Sedych — and not only because it is one of the few places on earth where there is more rain, as last night would show.

The hammer event was born 1,000 years ago in the Tailteann Games, a crucial piece of history which has often drawn Sedych back here. His antipathy to Britain, however, was born only recently out of allegations that he, Soviet thrower, had given

information to a British counterpart on what drugs to use for this event.

"I was a little bit shocked when I heard about the accusations," Sedykh said last night, "because, first, it was not true, and second I don't understand why other hammer throwers would talk about this. I don't want to talk about it. I don't know why it's so interesting to newspapers."

When Sedykh got on with his business of throwing hammers

Dublin It was not nearly as good as in Cork four years ago when Sedykh and his compatriot, Sergei Litvinov, broke the world record six times between them. Sedykh finally prevailing with 86.34 metres — but it was still more than good enough to win.

All of Sedykh's five legal throws were better than Englishman Dave Smith's 71.26 metres or second place. Sedykh's winning throw of 81.30 metres came in the fifth.

Kent close to saving Southfield

YACHTING

Scarrett turns her attention to alternative attraction

Norgard, aged 25, squared the match on the ninth where he holed a 10-foot putt for a birdie four.

The 10th and 11th were exchanged in birdies and, after a half at the 12th, Norgard won the 13th and went two up at the 15th. McGimpsey won the 16th with a bogey five but Norgard ended the match on the 17th

patrick; bt J McEldine (Masserene), 1
hole; G Clarke (Royal Portrush); bt S C
Hoey (Shandon Park), 2 holes; B Morgard
(Dun) bt D Mulholland (Casterock), 21st;
G McGimpsey (Bangor) bt J Anderson
(Dun), 3 and 2; M Curran (Ardsburgs) bt E
McGrider (Nanin and Pormoo), 3 and 2;
T Coulter (Masserene) bt J White (Co Seal,
Armagh), 4 and 3; D Clarke (Duncannon) bt
bt D Cameron (Royal Portrush), 1980; N H
Anderson (Shandon Park) bt R Heasley
(Lisburn), 18th. Quarter-final: G Clarke
Baker, 2 and 1; Morgard bt McGimpsey, 2
and 1; Curran bt Coulter, 2 and 1;
Anderson bt D Clarke, 2 and 1.

The one-handicap player, aged 17, raced away from her younger opponent when she won four of the first five holes, the third and fourth with birdies.

Colleen Bateman defeated the international, Ruth Rankin (Lanark), by one hole in the first round, and then got through to the last 16.

Olympic exodus is a British record

The NFL Players' Association had sought an injunction to grant the players freedom to sign with any club on grounds that no collective-bargaining agreement existed between the owners and players when the players' contracts expired in

agreement before the 1987 season. No agreement was reached and the union went on a 24-day strike before returning to finish the season without a new agreement.

In denying the injunction, Judge David Dory said the dispute should be settled at the bargaining table.

Setback for the players

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Notorious leads all the way

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Barnes 3. Currier. Sweet; 3. Lion 4.
St James's 5. St John's 6. St James's.

(Apt.) 4-5, 6-7, 7-8; T. Tideman (H) 10; P. Rahmsdorf (Apt.) 1-3, 3-2; M. Westphal (B) 1-2; P. Rahmsdorf (Apt.) 2-1, 2-2, 3-3; S. Cassal (Sp) 10; P. Rahmsdorf (Apt.) 3-1, 3-2; C. Mazzanti (Switz) 2-1; E. Schward Berghausche (Apt.) 6-3, 1-2, 2-2, 3-2, 7-8; D. (Iran) 10; M. Tideman (Swe.) 3-1, 3-2, 7-8; P. Cassal (Apt.) 10; Q. Viles (Apt.) 3-1, 3-2, 7-8; E. Harnik (Switz) 10; C. Salsen (Apt.) 6-3, 1-2, 3-2; Berghausche (Apt.) 10; C. Mazzanti (Switz) 3-2, 6-1, 3-4.

ENTRETIENS: Argentine women's open: First round: 2 Gervasio (Uy) 3; C. Van Rensselaer (Arg.) 6-3, 6-3; P. Rahmsdorf (B) 3; V. Martinek (Wg.) 6-1, 6-3; C. Cohen (Switz) 3; A. Vieira (Br.) 2-4, 6-1, 6-3; C. Mazzanti (Br) 10; S. González (Msh.) 6-1, 6-3.

BRISTOL: Gloucestershire v Northamptonshire.
OLD TRAFFORD: Lancashire v Liverpool.
TRIDENT BRIDGE: Nottinghamshire v Middlesex.
GUILDFORD: Surrey v Hampshire.
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OTHER SPORT

BOWLS: Eastbourne open tournament. County matches: Bedfordshire v Eastern Counties League (Shefford); Cornwall v Devon (St Aust); Dorset v Bournehampton and District (Poole); Isle of Wight v Leicestershire (Canterbury); Lincolnshire v Huntingdonshire (Stamford). Small Cup: Gloucestershire v Somerset (Painswick).

SPORT ON TV

EVENING RACING

Leicester

Getters good to firm.

John Bloomfield, the Nottingham gunsmith who has won both the Queen's Prize at target rifle shooting and the Hopton Cup in the long-range rifle championship, took the Hopton for a second time at Bisley yesterday.

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Bloomfield is on target

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Possible reprieve for League as clubs think again

By Peter Ball

The Football League has been given a stay of execution, possibly a reprieve. The meeting today between ITV and the breakaway group of 10 top clubs was expected to sign an agreement which would have been the League's death warrant. Instead, one member of the leading five clubs has promised that nothing irrevocable will happen at the meeting at Old Trafford. And yesterday an increased offer from British Satellite Broadcasting (BSB) renewed optimism that a compromise might be found.

"The clubs have decided that we cannot countenance these 10 clubs negotiating separately with ITV," said John Poynton, chairman of Coventry City, who had called the meeting of the excluded group. "It must be done through the proper channels and we hope that ITV will also respond and come directly to the Football League. Unless such deals are done through the formal structure, there will just be anarchy."

The meeting also insisted on their solidarity and determination to preserve the structure of the League intact. "Everyone of the 82 clubs represented have given a pledge that none of them will take the place of any of the 10 clubs who wish to reconsider their position in the breakaway group and instead retain their place in the Football League," Poynton said.

Millichip fears for game's reputation

By Ian Ross

Bert Millichip, the Football Association chairman, appealed yesterday for peace between the League and its breakaway clubs to spare the game more humiliation. Speaking at the FA General Motors National School graduation ceremony at Lilleshall, Millichip urged the leading clubs to "put their house in order".

Millichip said that he "would not welcome" a super league, adding: "At the moment it would be a retrograde step. We do not need any more adverse publicity. We have been on the rough end of things since the close of the season. Every day seems to bring new problems."

"I have not the slightest doubt that money is the root of



"I was impressed by the solidarity of the clubs," Gordon Taylor, the secretary of the Professional Footballers' Association, said. "We are hoping that members of the 10, if not of the original five, will rethink their position for the good of football as a whole."

Taylor was quick to reject the idea of a strike as an immediate tactic, saying that it was very much the end of the road. He reaffirmed his faith in negotiation.

"I am still convinced there is room for manoeuvre, there is certainly room to accommodate all clubs, but what is accepted is that the bigger clubs are wanted on TV and what cannot be accepted is that some clubs can decide unilaterally on a three-tier structure which is what they are doing."

The new BSB/BBC deal would bring the Football League clubs £8.3 million in

the first year of a four-year package worth £47 million in all. That is a rise of £2 million a year on the previous offer and is marginally larger than the ITV offer to the rebels.

A statement last night from BSB suggested that its new offer would give the League an income of £99 million over ten years, allowing for inflation, plus £56 million over the same period from advertising, sponsorship and other deals arranged by the clubs. BSB also revealed it had reached agreement with the FA for rights to FA Cup and international matches for £42.5 million over ten years.

The method of distribution of the BSB/BBC cash is still to be decided, the management committee considering three options yesterday in a separate meeting. All three, however, might prove more attractive to the lower five clubs among the rebels who stand to gain less than the big five from ITV's offer. The lower five are Sheffield Wednesday, Newcastle, West Ham, Nottingham Forest and Aston Villa. The big five are Liverpool, Everton, Manchester United, Arsenal and Tottenham Hotspur.

The news of the BSB deal was given to yesterday's meeting of all members — apart from the 10 rebels — and they reaffirmed their determination to fight to keep intact the current League structure. The most telling step made was a pledge from all the 82 clubs excluded from the breakaway that they would not replace any of the lower five who decided to reconsider their commitment to the rebels.

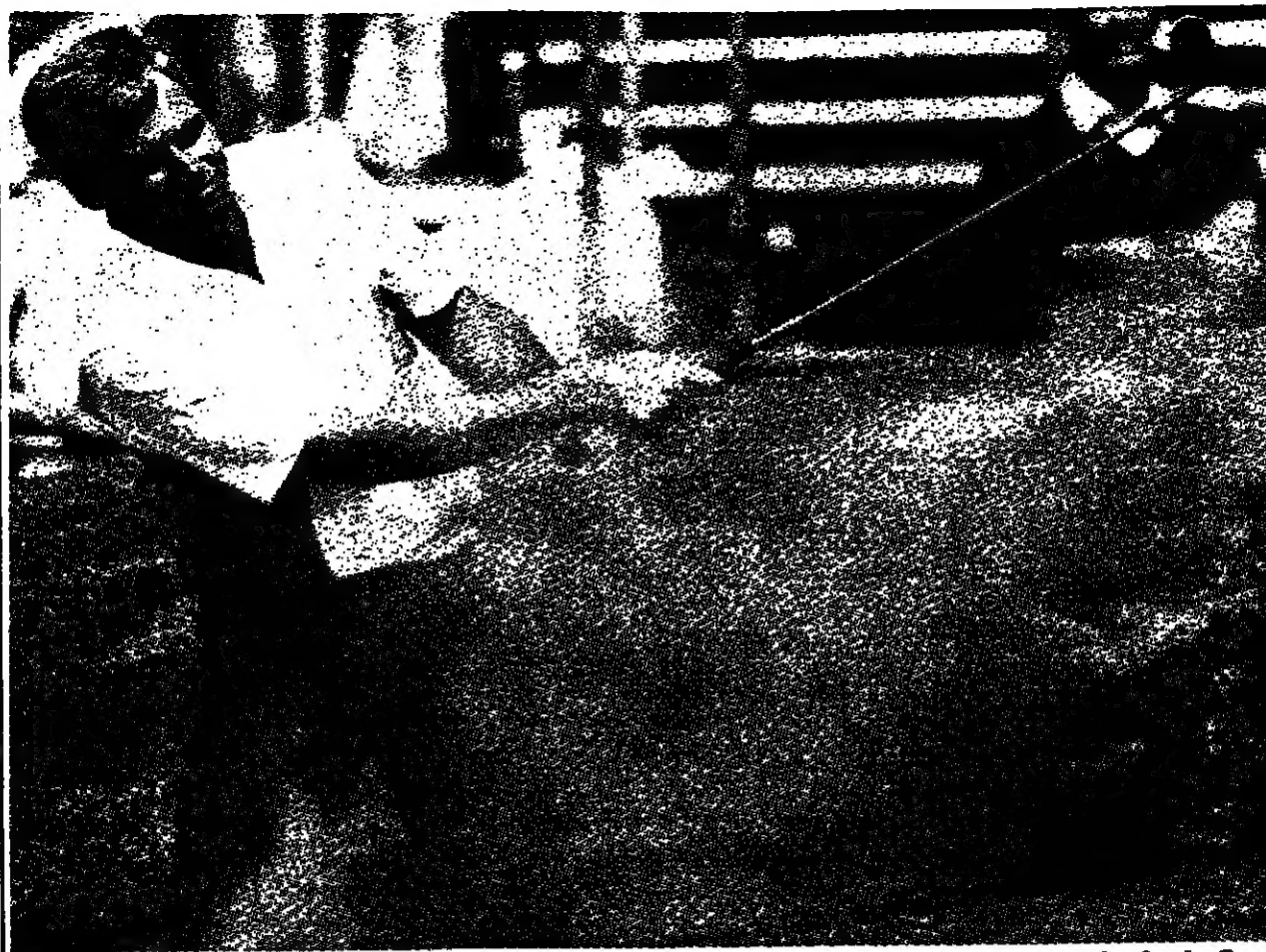
Derby, Queens Park Rangers and Southampton, all of whom having been mentioned as super league reserves, gave categorical promises that they would not move, which strengthened considerably the League position. It opened the possibilities of either seeking a compromise or, indeed, of persuading some of the lower five who are known to be less than totally committed to the breakaway to return to the fold.

A super league of 10 might have some hope of independent existence, unattractive as a prospect though it is. A super league of six or eight clubs would be totally unworkable, and the chance of a rethink may appeal to Newcastle, whose chairman, Gordon McGee, was well received when he addressed his erstwhile first division colleagues yesterday. Sheffield Wednesday, West Ham and Nottingham Forest.

Yet undoubtedly the most significant of the events in another day of frantic comings and goings along hotel corridors, this time at Heathrow, was the promise given to Graham Kelly, the League secretary, by one of the top five. Kelly was as plegmatic as always, but there was no questioning his increased optimism. "One of the top five have given me their word that nothing irrevocable will happen in the next 48 hours," he said. "It is my fervent wish that a 92-club Football League will continue next season and I firmly believe that it will."

Certainly if Liverpool or Everton, the most likely sources of Kelly's promise, are taking pause for thought as the hostile publicity increases and they begin to consider all the administrative problems of a breakaway, with legal complications and players' contracts both looking like large stumbling blocks, the League will have an opening to exploit.

A Strange way to practice



Open face: Curtis Strange, the United States Open champion, blasts out of a bunker during his preparation for the Open Championship at Royal Lytham and St Annes yesterday

Verdict on Gating is delayed

Mike Gating, the former England captain, still does not know whether he will face disciplinary action from the Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB) over the contents of his autobiography, *Leading from the Front*.

Gating met three officials from the TCCB at Lord's yesterday, but no decision was taken. The three-man panel was set up as an initial committee of inquiry, to establish whether Gating had broken the rules which prevent a player commenting on a Test series within two years of its completion.

The complication is that Gating technically stayed within the rules by asking his ghost writer, Angela Patmore, to compile in her own words the controversial chapter on the tour of Pakistan last winter, with Gating featuring in the third person.

It was originally intended that Gating should answer the charges after the Trent Bridge Test last month but the issue was overtaken by the barmid scandal which resulted in him losing the captaincy.

Tim Lamb, the TCCB cricket secretary, said: "It was not incumbent on this inquiry to reach an immediate conclusion nor to make an immediate statement. We will let the public know the outcome when appropriate."

"This initial inquiry probably had three options: that there was no case to answer; that there had been a minor breach of the regulations that could be best met with a reprimand; that a more serious breach had occurred which should be referred to the full disciplinary committee of the board."

"It might be that the three board members will want to reconvene after considering what Gating had to say or it might be that they need to take legal advice."

Wright quits

John Wright, the New Zealand captain, announced yesterday that he is retiring from county cricket after 12 seasons as one of Derbyshire's overseas players.

The left-handed opener, who made his debut for Derbyshire in 1977, has scored almost 11,000 runs in first-class matches for Derbyshire.

Jacklin's patriotism is too much for the US

By Mitchell Platts, Golf Correspondent

Tony Jacklin's support for European golf yesterday angered Americans challenging for the 117th Open Championship at Royal Lytham and St Annes. Jacklin, whose own Open victory came on these historic Lancashire links, said: "I can't see beyond a European win. I can't see an American winner. But then I'm biased. I don't think they are as good as we are now."

Paul Azinger, runner-up to Nick Faldo when he won the Open at Muirfield last summer, countered: "You can't say that. It's nonsense. You cannot say that guys like Tom Watson, Curtis Strange, Lanny Wadkins and Payne Stewart can't win."

Wadkins, a former United States PGA champion, said: "Those two Ryder Cup wins have gone to his [Jacklin's] head. He's got too patriotic. Maybe he should let sleeping dogs lie. Our players are still as capable of winning here as any of the Europeans."

Hal Sutton, another American, said: "It is harder to win these days. But what Tony says is stupid. He's stepped right out of line."

Jacklin is supported by statistics. No American professional has won at Royal Lytham and no American has won the Open since Watson in 1983. Watson, however, admitted: "Tony has merit in saying that, because of the quality of the European players. It's hard to admit, but I still have to argue with him. Golf is an international sport and, remember, the pendulum always swings."

The pendulum swung in the favour of Europe in 1985 with

OPEN WEATHER

Lytham weather forecast: Strong winds from north-west; moderate gale; showers, heavy at times.

the first defeat of the Americans in the Ryder Cup for 28 years. Europe retained the cup last year and Sandy Lyle won the Masters in April.

Strange salvaged American pride when he ousted Faldo in a play-off for the US Open last month. "I've heard what Tony has had to say," he said. "But I think I want to go and play and let my clubs do the

talking. That is the way it should be."

Jacklin, despite his prognostication, said: "Curtis is one of the top three golfers in the world right now. But the conditions this week favour Seve, who is my favourite. Bernhard, Sandy, Nick and Ian Woosnam. I was also particularly impressed with the way Barry Lane's swing stood up under pressure when he won the Bell's Scottish Open last Saturday."

Faldo, however, admitted: "I think I was more confident last year than I am right now. But I think at the moment we have the ball rolling in Europe possibly more than the Americans. That must make us slight favourites."

Woosnam, who likes Lytham, said: "It's a very fair test. You must use your head, play for position and do nothing foolish. One thing I know is that it will produce a very good winner."

For Jacklin it is a dewy-eyed journey back in time. He will tee off with his son Warren as caddy, on the course where in 1969 he captured the most coveted prize in golf. With him then was his wife, Vivien, who died earlier this year.

"I came here believing I had served my apprenticeship and that I could win," Jacklin recalled. "But, coming down the finishing stretch, you still get very edgy. I recall going with the driver at the last hole and looking up awfully relieved to see the ball flying straight. Then, when you've won, the relief is unbelievable. The anxiety just melts away. But it takes time for it all to sink in. In my case, weeks."

Jacklin will partner Derrick Cooper, who won the Madrid Open earlier this year, and the American, Ed Sneed. He insists that he is now just a social golfer. "I've played twice this year but both times in foul conditions," he said. "It would be very pleasing to play all four rounds here. My game is solid from tee to green but I've not scored well. The reason for that is the reason why I stopped playing — putting."

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Strange marriage with links golf

By Mitchell Platts

The Open Championship should have a special place in the heart of Curtis Strange. It was from Royal Birkdale, the other great Lancashire links, that in 1976 he telephoned Sarah, then his girlfriend, and said: "I'm tired of travelling alone; let's get married."

Curtis and Sarah have been inseparable ever since, but his relationship with the Open Championship has until now been anything but a love affair. That, however, is a thing of the past for the Virginian who will attempt to emulate the achievements of his American compatriots — Ben Hogan (1953), Lee Trevino (1971) and Tom Watson (1982) — by winning the US Open and The Open in the same year.

"The Open never meant as much to me as it does now," he said. "I've been over only five times and I was never very keen. But my 62 at St Andrews in the Dunhill Cup last October helped me to appreciate links golf."

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END COLUMN

Maestro with no time for old time

By Peter Bills

They requested the old maestro's presence at Royal Lytham and St Annes for the Open Championship this week. How we would have wallowed in nostalgia... Peter Thomson, five times winner of the Open, gentleman, immaculate competitor and engaging personality, lifted the trophy at Lytham exactly 30 years ago for his fourth time.

British tradition and decorum insisted that Thomson should be there. Alas, Australian practicality has won the day. For Thomson, despite winning the British PGA Seniors championship at North Berwick last month at the age of 58, had a robust return to the official invitation.

"Play that course again at my age? No way. It is far too tough for me nowadays. I am not in the business of turning up just for old time's sake and then producing a couple of 78s. Every dog has his day and mine has been longer than most. But playing at Lytham again would be too much."

The golfing business is starting to wear a shade thin on popularity for Thomson. He thought he was finished at 50 after playing since the age of 14. But the Seniors tour provided a charming twilight to his career, even if the prize-money last month, £7,500 for the winner, would not draw a sniff of interest from the pros on the European tour, not to say the United States one. That is the way of the world.

"A natural evolution," Thomson calls it, carefully resisting the natural inclination of a man of his age to condemn the different attitudes to the game in the modern day. "We played for different reasons, we had a different set of values in my time," he says. "But I do not



Thomson: notable absentee

begin to resent the money available to the guys nowadays. Professional golf has changed enormously since my time but the heartening aspect is the club scene remains virtually the same."

That is because it has continued to be so staunch in its conservatism, he suspects. The professional tour is a show designed chiefly for the benefit of television.

Thomson's bones, occasionally rumbling with discontent at prolonged exertion, now require greater rest, a philosophy which the mind disputes. But Thomson says shrewdly: "I shall be tapering off my golf pretty quickly from now on. I do not expect to be living a normal family life, and playing seriously in wearing me out. The British PGA Seniors title was one I did want to win. But I will not play in Britain again until I defend it if I'm still around next year."

His victory at Lytham in 1958 was achieved against the handicap of hay fever, which has troubled him all his life. Then a course of injections three years ago vanquished the problem to his astonishment. He won in 1958 after a play-off against the Welshman, Dave Thomas, his closest rival in all the Open titles in Britain. "I never had to make a birdie on the last hole to win, like some of these guys do today. I don't wonder I could have done that because it is an awesome thing to do."

Thomson attributes his success to the time he spent carefully studying the style of Ben Hogan, whom he believes is the finest player he has ever seen. Hogan the perfectionist would go a whole week without playing a bad shot, according to Thomson. "He set himself to complete mastery of the game because he did everything correctly. I tried to emulate him, so I was never a dasher in the style of Ballesteros. He is so gifted he imagines he can do anything at any time. And, of course, he

Persuading Thomson to fine-tune his mind to the indulgence of nostalgia and the past is never easy. His creed is demonstrated by a crowded schedule: live life for today rather than in the past. And that is why there is no Peter Thomson at Lytham this week.

Banks is set to make championship debut

David Banks, the former Worcestershire batsman, is expected to make his debut for Warwickshire in the Britannic Assurance County Championship match against his old team at Edgbaston today. Banks, aged 27, was recently offered a two-year contract by Warwickshire after he won the man of the match in the first round of the NatWest Trophy for Staffordshire, the minor county for whom he has played since leaving Worcestershire in 1985, against Surrey at Burdon on Trent.

Banks appeared in 19 first-class matches for Worcestershire, scoring a century on his debut against Oxford University in 1983.

Warwickshire will give a late fitness test to Norman Gifford, the former Worcestershire and England spinner, who has a hamstring strain. However, they are likely to be without Dermot

Reeve because of problems with a recently fractured thumb.

The county will also give a championship debut to a Cornishman, Piers Holloway, aged 17. Holloway played in last Sunday's Refuge Assurance League game against Sussex and has retained his place.

Kevin Saxelby, the Nottinghamshire seamer, misses the match against Middlesex at Trent Bridge because of injury but batsman Mike Newell returns to the 12.

Jonathan Agnew, the Leicestershire fast bowler, has recovered from a hand injury — sustained during last week's defeat at Grace Road against Gloucestershire in the second round of the NatWest Trophy — and is in the county's 12 for the fixture with Lancashire at Old Trafford.

Too fast for rules

Tokyo (Reuters) — The Royal and Ancient has banned golf balls made by Japan's Bridgestone Company because they are too fast, the company says. "Our balls fly too far. Players praised them but sport should be played under the rules and to use an unapproved set of balls is against the rules," a company spokesman said.

St Andrews, which oversees world golfing rules, has decreed that a golf ball should not fly at more than 255ft (77.7m) a second when hit with a certain force. Bridgestone's Altus Newing 432 brand large-size balls go faster than that.

Mike Bamber, the former Brighton chairman who took the club from division three to division one and the 1983 FA Cup Final, has died after a two-year battle against illness. He was 57.

SPORT IN BRIEF

New bout

Milan (AP) — The European heavyweight champion, Francesco Damiani, said yesterday he is re-negotiating a ten-round match against the American, Tyrell Biggs, following the cancellation of a scheduled title defence of the Italian boxer against British challenger Horace Notice, who had eye surgery this week. A Damiani-Biggs bout — a re-match of the Olympic final of Los Angeles won by the American — had been originally organized for July and then cancelled.

No Cash

Melbourne (Reuters) — Pat Cash, the 1987 Wimbledon champion, has announced he will not be available to play tennis for Australia at the Seoul Olympics because of family and tournament commitments. Cash was named last December in Australia's four-man team along with Peter Doohan, John Fitzgerald and Wally Masur.

Waugh award

Stephen Waugh, Somerset's Australian batsman, is the Britannic Assurance Player of the Month for June. He scored 697 runs, including four centuries, in eight first-class innings to earn his glass tankard and £250 cheque. Kent's dramatic rise from 15th to the top of the county championship table has earned them the £750 Team of the Month award.

N Koreans dismissive of disruption rumours

Paris (AFP) — Claims that North Korea plans to disrupt the Olympic Games in Seoul have been dismissed by Su Djin Yong, the head of the North Korean delegation based in Paris.

Yong insists that his country has no intention of trying to ruin the Games which begin in September.

"I am aware of rumours circulating, coming mostly from the Americans and Japanese, but I can assure you that North Korea will not disrupt the Games, in any shape or form," Yong said in an interview published on Wednesday in *L'Equipe*, the French sports paper.

He added that claims that Pyongyang intended to launch an attack on South Korea were nothing more than slander. "Why would we want to harm the people of South Korea? They are Koreans like us."

However, Yong added that the North still wanted to co-host the Games. "We have built 14 stadiums. We have

No deal

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